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## AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

### PRESIDENT-ELECT W. H. TAFT SEEKS COUNSEL

### FROM DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

**"The Wizard" Unable to Visit the Hot Springs Mecca Sends Secretary Scott—Negroes Want Loeb in Cabinet.**

*Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 9.—The first colored man to be invited to Hot Springs for a conference with President-elect William Howard Taft was Dr. Booker T. Washington. A special message was sent to Hr. Washington a fortnight ago by Mr. Taft suggesting that he would like to see him and go over a number of matters of vital importance to the Negro people of the country. Previous engagements preventing his acceptance of the invitation, however, the Tuskegee educator arranged to have his private secretary, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, go in his stead.

Mr. Scott reached Hot Springs, the political Mecca, on Saturday of last week and had an extended conference with the President-elect, the discussion lasting fully two hours. The exact subjects taken up were not given out either by Mr. Taft or Mr. Scott, but it is understood that the interview covered pretty thoroughly the mooted questions touching the relation of the Negro to the American body politic, and that the views of Dr. Washington, which Mr. Taft was quite anxious to know, were very ably presented by the eminent Tuskegeean's faithful young secretary, Mr. Scott. There are ample reasons to believe that the interview was in every way satisfactory and great good will grow out of the conclusions reached through the facts so clearly and candidly set forth at Dr. Washington's suggestion. At the close of the conference Mr. Scott left Hot Springs for New York, passing through Washington en route. He returns here this week and will have an opportunity to meet several of the colored leaders who were active in the recent campaign in support of the Republican national ticket.

The fact that the President-elect paid Dr. Washington the compliment of asking him for the first expression touching the policies most likely to prove beneficial to the Negro race leaves no doubt as to the standing of the "Wizard" with the incoming administration, and indicates very plainly that the welfare of the col-American is to have due consideration at the hands of the new Chief Executive.

President Taft—as he will be when he takes the reins on March 4—will agreeably surprise some of the folks who do not wish to be "agreeably" surprised, by his generous attitude toward the Negro, and by the strong constructive policies that will characterize his administration with reference to the questions that affect the race. He holds no animosity toward those who failed to support him for the nomination last spring. No attention will be paid to the croakers and prophets of evil who predicted direful things in the event of his accession to the Presidential chair. He will go on in the even tenor of his way, consulting whomsoever he regards as having something to say that is worth while, ignoring the malcontents who seek to discredit him in advance, and doing what he deems to be right in the premises. His inaugural address, it is said, will be of special significance, and will be a reiteration of the broad Republican principles that won for him the confidence and affectionate support of the colored masses at the polls in November. His interest in the educational interests of the race is unabated, despite his elevation to the Presidency and the enormously increased pressure upon his time and strength, and it is stated that he will retain his membership on the board of trustees appointed to administer the $1,000,000 Jeanes fund for the benefit of the colored rural schools in the South. He will also speak with Dr. Washington in New York this winter at a meeting designed to stimulate financial interest in the Tuskegee Instittue. These and other incidents are brought forth at this time to show the colored voters of the country that they made no mistake in helping to place Mr. Taft in the White House. He will be the President of all the people and more than make good the promises made in his name by his sponsors on the stump and in the many editorial sanctums of the race throughout the land.

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Cabinet making goes merrily on. The colored editors, like their brethren of lighter hue, are doing their best to assist Mr. Taft in this rather delicate undertaking, and are not backward about making suggestions. The selection of Mr. Hitchcock as Postmaster-General is, of course, warmly endorsed. The further suggestion that Mr. William Loeb, Jr., the talented and energetic secretary to President Roosevelt, be given a seat at the Cabinet table, meets with the heartiest kind of "amens" at the hands of all who have come into contact with this affable gentleman and who know what a valuable asset his ripe experience and wonderful versatility would be to the new administration. President Taft could not select a safer or more serviceable adviser than Mr. Loeb. He would make an admirable Secretary of Commerce and Labor, being naturally adapted to matters that concern the great world of business and those who make the products upon which business is based. The colored friends of Mr. Loeb join with the millions of all other races in wishing the administration to thus honor him and permit the nation to reap the fruits of his well-rounded attainments.

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One of the most useful colored men in the Government service is Major Arthur Brooks, who has been connected with the office of the Secretary of War for many years and is familiar with every detail of the great department. He has enjoyed the confidence of every Secretary of War since the Harrison regime, and was particularly devoted to Mr. Taft, sustaining relations in a business way that called for the exercise of the soundest judgment on the part of the Major. The latter went to the Philippines with the Secretary on his famous visit of inspection, and was Mr. Taft's right hand man in the transaction of many important functions. Major Brooks is a busy factor in Washington's military life. Besides carrying the large responsibility of looking after the multitude of callers who wish to see the Secretary of War, he is the commander of the First Separate Batallion of the District National Guard, admittedly one of the best drilled branches of the District militia in field work and marksmanship, and is military instructor of the four companies comprising the batallion of the High School Cadets. In all of these capacities he gives perfect satisfaction and is regarded as an expert in all matters military. It is understood that Major Brooks can have a cozy berth on the White House staff under President Taft, if he so desires it, but doubt is felt as to whether he would care to accept a place that might not allow him the opportunity for the valuable outside work he is now carrying on. Another might quite satisfactorily perform the duties required at the White House but one would be obliged to search the District with a fine-tooth comb before he could unearth so faithful and painstaking a custodian of the interests now handled by Major Brooks. He is non-committal on this White House talk, and gives no intimation as to what his course might be in case Mr. Taft should ask him to help "run things" at the Executive Mansion for the next four or eight years.

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Another accomplished colored man who is in line for White House honors is William Pannell, who has been connected with the War Department in a responsible capacity for a number of years. Mr. Pannell enjoys the distinction of having been the first person to bring to Secretary Taft and his assembled family and friends last June the glad tidings that he had been nominated for President by the Chicago convention. Upon Secretary Taft's resignation, Mr. Pannell also resigned and entered the personal service of Mr. Taft, making the long and arduous tour of the country with him and remaining at his side until the retirement of the latter to the secluded shades of the mountain retreat at Hot Springs. Mr. Pannell is now connected with the Bureau of Insular Affairs, looking supremely happy over the result of the election and pardonably elated over the success of his beloved chieftain.

"Mr. Taft will make the best President this country ever had," remarked Mr. Pannell to a press representative recently. "Without question, he is the best equipped man ever selected to the Presidential chair. He is an experienced administrator, has come into contact with all kinds and conditions of mankind, has visited every clime, and by nature, travel, study, philosophy and broad comprehension of governmental needs, he is peculiarly fitted to take up the great work that lies before him as the head of the American Republic.

"Mr. Taft is the best-hearted man I ever met. I have never seen him angry or irritated, not even in the face of circumstances that would exasperate any ordinary mortal. When tired out and literally exhausted, I have seen him welcome delegations of colored men, and greet them most cordially and thank them for their visit, when the committees in charge of the nominee's car had told the delegations that Mr. Taft positively could not be seen. He has a smile and a kind word for every one, big and little, and I am satisfied that under his administration the colored people will get the squarest deal they have had under any President since the nation came into existence—barring one. And, let me say one more word: Let it not be forgotten that Mr. Fred W. Carpenter, who is to be secretary to the President—succeeding Mr. Loeb, another mighty nice man—is one of the finest gentlemen you would meet in a day's travel. Colored people who have occasion to visit the White House will receive the most courteous treatment at his hands. Nobody will be known by the color of their skin—every man will be given the consideration due him as a man and an orderly member of human society. Can anyone ask more than that?"

Mr. Pannell, like Major Brooks, has nothing to say touching his probable transfer to the White House, but there was a twinkle in his good-natured face which suggested that he would be "willin'" if the proper persuasion should be brought to bear upon him. Mr. Pannell is almost as rotund in figure as his distinguished patron, and has the same infectious smile and never failing sunny humor—splendid equipment, by the way, for a place within the sacred precincts of the Taft official homestead.

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The Haytian revolution—number misplaced—seems to be an accomplished fact. Nord Alexis, the man of blood and iron, has been banished and General Simon is in possession of the capital and government—such as it is. The United States has kept out of the muss, going no farther than sending a battleship to the scene to protect American interests. Minister H. W. Furniss, our diplomatic representative, and dean of the diplomatic corps, has conducted himself with the dignity and poise benefitting his exalted station, and his policy of non-interference has been highly satisfactory to the State Department and is heartily endorsed by the conservative eleemnt among the Haytian people. Minister Furniss very properly resented the assumption of one of the revolutionary leaders that he was encouraging Alexis to hold out, with a view of forcing a condition that would give the United States an excuse to intervene and eventually secure control of the island. Minister Furniss did nothing of the kind, as subsequent events have thoroughly demonstrated. Nevertheless and notwithstanding, the incident is not closed, and the "Black Republic" is not yet out of the revolution business for good. We hope it may turn out differently, but just as sure as night follows day, unless signs of permanent tranquility make their appearance after a reasonable lapse of time, something will have to be done by some strong power to preserve order and to maintain the equilibrium of the European nations that have financial and commercial interests there. No power save the United States can intervene, by reason of the Monroe Doctrine; hence, if the people of Hayti do not want an American protectorate—or annexation—they had better hush up their family bickerings and try to be good.

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By virtue of the agreement entered into last May, the Brownsville matter will come up before the United States Senate next Wednesday. Senator Foraker will call up his bill, which provides for the reinstatement of the discharged soldiers of the 25th Infantry, and the restoration of all rights and privileges taken from them through their elimination from the Army, together with pay for all time lost. No one ventures a prediction as to what will be done. All hope, however, for an adjustment that will settle the issue along lines equitable to all concerned. Senator Foraker will make an exhaustive speech and much interest is manifested among our people in the outcome. The administration will probably present a measure. It is not thought that an agreement will be reached for quite a while.

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Elaborate preparations are already under way for the inauguration of William Howard Taft. It is to be the biggest affair of the kind ever held here. The colored people are actively organizing to take care of the colored visitors who are expected in unprecedented large numbers. The Inaugural Welcome Club of 1904-05 has been revived and will give a grand reception on the night of the inauguration at one of the city's largest halls. The officers of the club are: Dr. W. B. Evans, president; Henry P. Slaughter, financial secretary; J. C. Burlis, recording secretary; Daniel Murray, treasurer. The $5 assessment is already being paid in for the function. The Mu-So-Lit Club, the swellest social organization in town, will give another grand reception during the inaugural season. This will be an invitational affair, and will in no wise, it is explained, conflict with the public function given on another evening by the Citizens' Committee. Every effort is being put forth to avoid the wrangling and controversies that have characterized previous inaugurations, and many will take part in all of the entertainments, as far as time and means will permit. Other affairs of smaller dimensions will be given by the several social coteries of the city, open to their friends. Chairman Stellwagon has recognized the Negro handsomely on his executive committee by naming Judge Robert H. Terrell and Attorney R. R. Horner as members thereof, with full powers. A sub-committee on public comfort will have a number of colored members. The outlook points to a brilliant inaugural season for all.

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We have Congress "on our hands."

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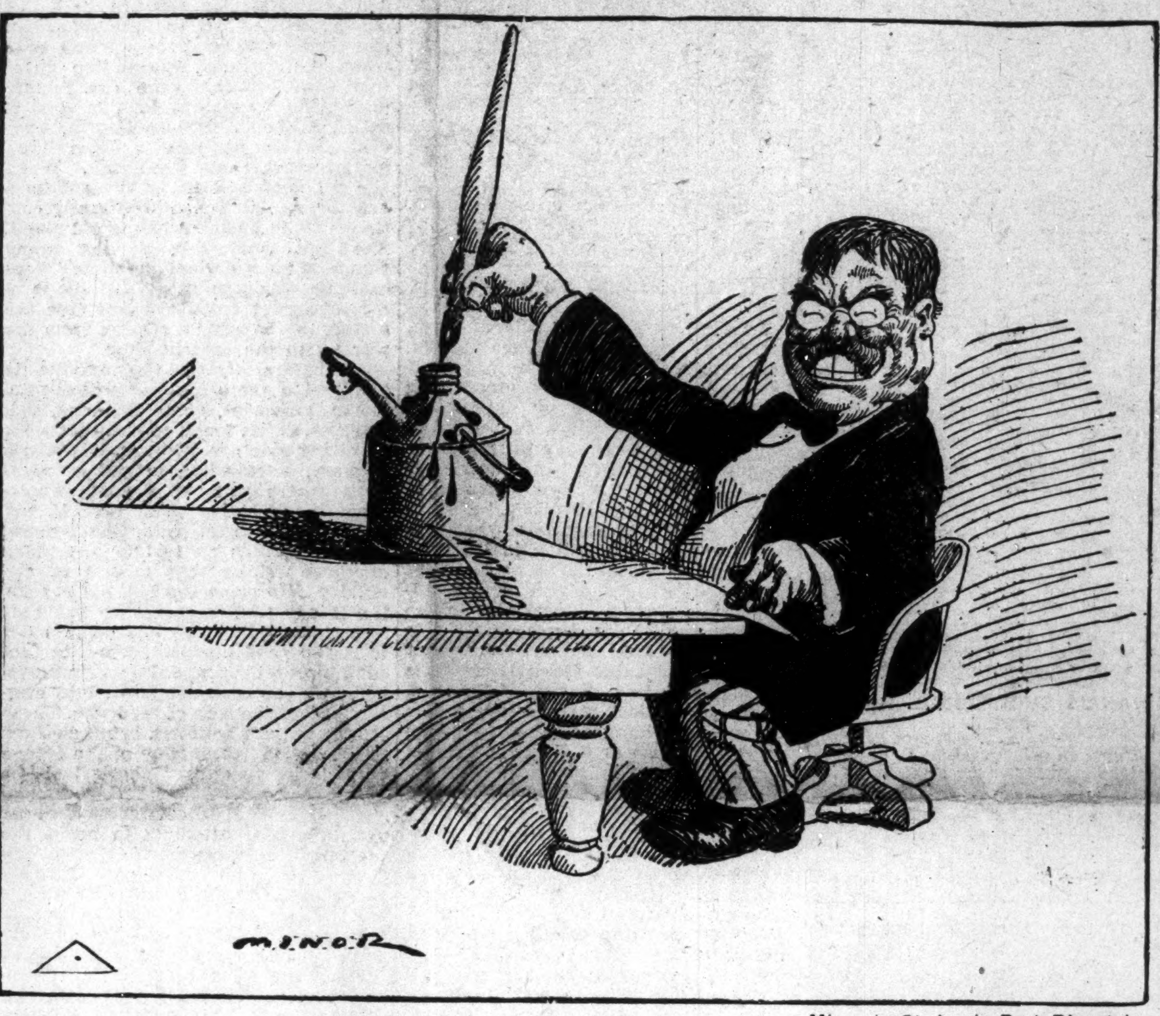
John C. Gilmer, the able editor of the Charleston (W. Va.) Advocate, is in luck. He has been appointed by Governor Dawson to succeed the late Samuel W. Starks as State law librarian of West Virginia, which pays a handsome salary and carries with it the insignia of State leadership. Mr. Gilmer is a competent man and richly deserves the recognition accorded him. He has long been a resident of Charleston, and takes a deep interest in all her uplifting agencies. He was educated at the University of Pittsburg, graduating with the degree of A. B., in 1897, and in 1900 with the degree of A. M. While in college he was one of the editors of the University Magazine, a high-grade publication, and won a reputation as a forcible writer on a great variety of questions. For five years he has been editor of the Advocate, and under his guidance the paper has risen to national prominence and influence, taking rank with the very best in the land. Without invidious comparisons, it may be said that Mr. Gilmer bore the brunt of the fight for Judge Taft in the "Mountain State," being one of the "Old Guard" on the Taft bandwagon. When the cautious ones were dubious about the nomination of the Secretary of War, and were afraid to get off the fence, Mr. Gilmer stood up like a mighty oak for Taft throughout an arduous campaign and helped to give him a solid delegation to the Chicago convention. He rendered yeoman service in the local struggle, which led to the substitution of the winning Glasscock for Governor in place of the two-headed Swisher-Scherr ticket, and paved the way for Republican success in the State. The colored people of West Virginia wanted Mr. Gilmer. He was the loyal friend and partner of Mr. Starks in life; it is consistent that he should follow him in the station he filled with such credit and distinction. No fitter selection could have been made. We congratulate Mr. Gilmer and the citizens of West Virginia.

R. W. THOMPSON.

### THE EDITOR.




—Minor in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Minor received the sad news of the death of their son, Jim Mitchell, who died in Mexico last week. They have the sympathy of their host of friends...Mrs. Clark and hre daughter, Mrs. Collins, and children made a brief visit here from Waco and have returned home...Rev. Jackson is here visiting his children and friends after a few years' absence...The Law and Order League has gotten down to business and the citizens are opening their eyes and are fast learning things that are more than interesting...The county birth statistics shows only twenty colored babies born in November...State Grand Master J. W. McKinney will be in this city paying the Heroines of Jericho, Eastern Stars, and Court Sisters and all Masonic bodies his annual visit at Masonic Hall, corner Fairmount and Juliet streets Wednesday night, December 16. Fail not, brothers and sisters of the craft. "New Problems" will be the topic...The five Odd Fellow lodges of the city will hold their annual elections next week...It seems hard to the law-abiding citizens nowadays, when their attention and time is being taxed toward so many things of interest, for the good of all the people, to have a general outburst of crime here and there. Pay your poll tax and be men. Who can help suppress some of these evils that are laid to the race? Let the Negro business men keep order at their various places and see to it that the idler makes no loafing place of it; this will help a little. We have got too many loose laws on the manner and action of some of the women who keep the streets hot day and night, and buckets and banjo picking class of do-nothing men who should be at work...St. John's Day will be observed by all Masonic brothers and their families December 27 on Monday night instead, owing to the date coming on Sunday...Dr. J. S. White preached the Elks' memorial sermon Sunday evening at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of St. James Church. The boys looked well and had many good things said about their order, and the efficient management and punctuality of its benefits and reliefs.

### CORAOPOLIS, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. V. L. Stout's, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, subject for Sunday, December 13, will be "There Are Seven Things Which Are an Abomination to the Lord." ...The Buds of Promise gave a free concert Tuesday evening...Rev. Tibbs of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning. Revival is still going on and all are invited. ...Harry Frasier, Miss Bessie Toliver and Miss Edith Frasier spent Sunday wfth Miss Laura Jenkins...Rev. Sanders of the New Hope Baptist Church gave communion to a large crowd...Miss Ethel Brown attended a swell reception in the East End Friday last...The family of Mr. Winston is ill...Mrs. R. L. Swan is home to the delight of her many friends...The ladies of the New Hope Baptist Church will give a concert Dec. 17 in the evening...Miss Helen Ashville spent Sunday with Mrs. Laura Kitchen. ...The Literary of the A. M. E. Zion Church had an interesting program. Those taking part were Miss Mary Brown, recitation; Mrs. Jas. Ferrell, solo; Mrs. J. J. Flood, recitation; Emmett Smith, recitation; Mr. Stout, recitation; debate, "Resolved, That fire is more destructive to the country than water."... Charlie Jenkins will be home to spend the holidays with his parents...Mrs. Chas. Jenkins was out among friends Monday...The band organized by the young men will soon be playing...Mrs. Myrtle Hall and Miss Nannie Toolo entertained the Willing Workers very royally Monday last...Herman Wells is improving slowly...Miss Mary Brown will spend Sunday with Miss Helen Ashville. ...Mrs. Jno. Hunter, Mrs. Jno. Summers and Mrs. Felix Kimball spent Thursday with Mrs. Ferrell...Subscribe for The Freeman, 802 First avenue.

### GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Brown, the newly called pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, preached his first sermon to a crowded house Sunday. ...Rev. Ford of the A. M. E. Church will soon move to the city...Walker Smith is happy over two fine bright boys...Mrs. Ida Jackson is able to be up again... Miss Bessie Wade is at Sulphur Springs attending the C. M. E. Conference... Rev. J. W. King preached his farewell sermon Sunday night...Rev. J. B. Atckin and Miss Lizzie Nixon were married at the home of the bride Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock...Frank Neal is visiting his sister, Mrs. Henry Carter.

### QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Unity Lodge No. 16, A. F. & R. M., elected officers for the ensuing year. S. H. Shumaker was re-elected W. M.; Edward Croford, S. W.; Henry Carr, J. W.; W. T. Tate, treasurer; Mose Davis, secretary; R. L. Berry, S. D.; Henry Thomas, J. D.; Edman Carpenter, S. S.; Adam Fletcher, J. S.; Wesley Perkins, tyler; Joseph Ball, lecturer. Installation December 18 with the Crystal Chapter No. 8, O. E. S...Mrs. Mary Wilson arrived in the city for the purpose of starting a revival meeting, but was called home by the death of her mother. She will return later...Thomas Williams is very low...The Crystal Chapter No. 8, O. E. S., will hold their election Tuesday night.

### TOLEDO, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Secor bellmen will give their first annual ball Tuesday, December 22, at the Zenobia Auditorium...Al Jones, second cook at the Boody, is becoming very popular among his fellow craftsmen... Sol Harvey, manager of the Athletic Club is affording much amusement to the visitors and members...Miss Julia Stewart, one of the promising young ladies of Toledo, a graduate from its high school and a recent (September) graduate from the Toledo Conservatory of Music, has accepted a position as teacher in the public schools of Little Rock, Ark. She will be very much missed by all...The I. B. P. O. E. Armanth Lodge No. 129 will initiate fifteen new members at the Elks Temple on Fifteenth street Wednesday, December 9...The K. P. B. K. Bruce Lodge No. 67 will confer the degree of Sir Knight, Uniform Rank, upon twenty-five of its members at its first meeting in the new year.

## LINCOLN'S ANNIVERSARY

### MAY BE CELEBRATED WITH FITTING EXERCISES

### BIG PREPARATIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**Society From Many Surrounding Towns—Directorie Ball Will Be Given—Many Handsome Gowns Will Be Seen.**

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 8.—In the grand grand old commonwealth of Kentucky there are many architects of destiny. Their lives portrayed is an answer conclusive that the Negro has been up and doing, and has done his part enthusiastically and full up to the brim, to usher in a better and greater Kentucky. They have done much to stay the monster ignorance, and strike from its limbs and mind the shackles that would sink it down into the slough of despond. During the Xmas Holidays we shall give a few pictures made up of the busy lives in many spheres who, by virtue of perserverence has triumphed, and is stirring up higher things from darkness to light; and to help upward and onward an inspiring people by showing them the heights already reached by some of this number. There may not be many, but we hope that the result will be uplifting and strengthening to those who falter on the pathway that leads to God.

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Miss Etta Mae Hays of Hopkinsville, Ky., will be the guest of Miss Edith Smith during the Christmas holidays. Miss Hays is a very charming girl and will be among the numebr of royally received during the Christmas season.

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Since the Young Men's Progressive League is somewhat in the air about purchasing property, it does seem that something can be done by these young men to bring cheer to the hearts of some of the older people of the race or the orphans. They might combine charity with pleasure and give a big social function for the benefit of the Old Folks Home or the Orphans' Home. Winter is almost here and we believe that these young men could help keep the wolf from the door of those who are needy. Seven or eight hundred persons could stay the wolf of hunger and buy a few pairs of shoes for those little folks at the orphans' home. An affair of this kind could be made one of the most successful in the history of Louisville. Individuals and organizations would help. At the next meeting of the club let them appoint a committee ond place and pubiicity and ask all the social clubs to join them, and we believe that the organzation can not only get before the people in a more tangeable way, but can do something to help those who are old and decrepit, young and needy. The proceeds a grand New Years party with an attendance of seven hundred people will help. Will they do this? We will wait and see.

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The society people of this city are expected to be very gay during the Christmas Holidays. Many dances, dinners, receptions and luncheons are being planned by the "Smart Set," and the social calander is almost filled. There will be visitors here from Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago, Lexington and Covington. The costumes of the young ladies are expected to be elaborate and stylish. A Directorie Ball is expected to be a feature of the weeks' holidays. With the charmnig and brilliant home girls and added to these the many fascinating strangers, the week will be jollier than ever. Those in society circles will vie with each other in making it a week of real pleasure.

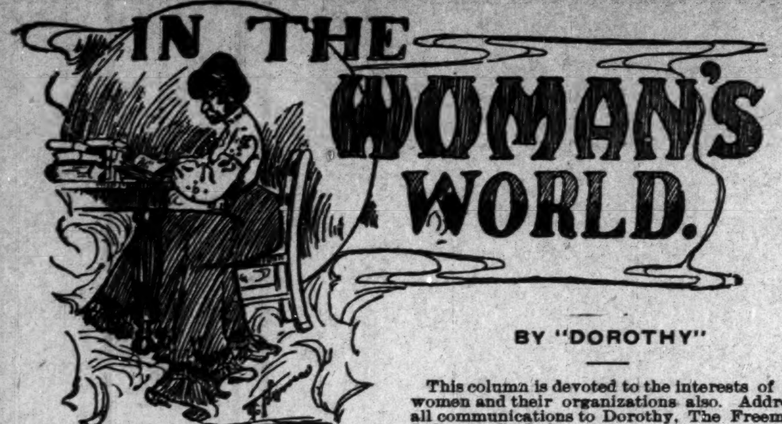
Louisville is by far one of the most successful cities in the country in the way of entertaining her guests. Those who are hosts usually make the proper preparations for entertainment. Every indication points that the coming week will exceed those of former years in point of hospitality, courtesy and social functions. While none of the races' dignitaries are expected in the city, yet social leaders of many cities will attend the affairs that are being planned by Louisville's royal set. Already a merry, buoyant and cheerful spirit is being manifested among the "Smart Set," and feat making will mark much of their actions during Yuletide.

Among some of the functions planned are as follows: Pre Christmas dance at Odd Fellows' Hall, December 23—Misses Scottie Davis, Georgia A. Lattimore, Pearl White and Sadie Evans. "The Boys' Party" at Odd Fellows' Hall December 28. Reception of Class 1902-3, December 29 at Odd Fellows' Hall. Directoire Ball December 30, Odd Fellows' Hall. Miss Mary Stanford's reception in honor of Class 1902-3 December 31. Miss Georgia Carter's dinner in honor of Class 1902-3, January 1. Young Men's Progressive League, open house, New Years Day. A number of early breakfasts and dinners have been planned, but the dates have not ben arranged. On Christmas and New Years the young men will call on the society folk.

While many functions will be in vogue on Christmas Day and they will be marked with pomp and style, yet the day will be spiritually observed in most all the churches of the city. The day will not be given over wholly to eating and drinking, with no thought of the birth of the Great Prince of Peace. A sentiment now pervades the "Smart Set" to attend church and bow with humble hearts and fervent prayer to the Almighty, for the thankfulness of life and the blessings of God. Special sermons are being prepared by several of the more progressive ministers, while some will repair to church, not for doctrine, but for music there.

From present foresight Christmas in Louisville will be one of long rememberance. In advance we send forth to our patrons in this city and elsewhere, greetings and best wishes of a Merry Christmas. Those of our friends we welcome you. A plain, progressive, sturdy people will greet you. With all of our Christmas pleasure may we keep in the pathway of progress.

CARY B. LEWIS.




BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

### DO YOU WANT A NEGRO DOLL?

If you wish a beautiful Negro doll, dressed in the latest doll fashion, write at once to Dorothy, care The Freeman.

### LEAD GENTLY, LORD.

Lead gently, Lord, and slow,
For oh! my steps are weak,
And ever as I go,
Some soothing sentence speak.

That I may turn my face
Through doubt's obscurity
Towards Thine abiding place,
E'en tho' I cannot see.

For lo! the way is dark;
Through mists and clouds I grope,
Save for that fitful spark,
The little flame of hope.

Lead gently, Lord, and slow,
For fear that I may fall;
I know not where I go
Unless I hear Thy call.

My fainting soul doth yearn
For Thy green hills afar;
So let Thy mercy burn—
My greater, guiding Star!
—Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

### WORK OF HOUSEHOLD OF MOST IMPORTANCE

#### So Says President Roosevelt in Regard to Woman Suffrage.

At this time women of every country and all races are very much excited over woman's rights. They feel, if they are permitted to cast their votes side by side with the men, that all the wrongs and kinks in politics will be forever smoothed out. Of course, the experiment will be the only proof. However, I do hope that our women will educate themselves in questions relative to the government, so that should suffrage be given them they will be able to use it intelligently, without censure fro mthe public on account of ignorance of the issue at hand. At a recent meeting of the National League of the Civic Education of Women one of the speakers read a letter from President Roosevelt on woman's suffrage, in which he says:

"Personally, I believe in woman's suffrage," says Mr. Roosevelt at the outset of the letter, which is dated November 10, 1908, "but I am not an enthusiastic advocate of it because I do not regard it as a very important matter. I am unable to see that there has been any special improvement in the position of women in those States in the West that have adopted woman suffrage, as compared with those States adjoining them that have not adopted it. I do not think that giving the women suffrage will produce any marked improvement in the condition of women.

LUKEWARM HIMSELF.

"I do not believe that it will produce any of the evils feared, and I am very certain that when women as a whole take any special interest in the matter they will have the suffrage if they desire it. But at present I think most of them are lukewarm, I find some actively for it and some actively against it. I am, for the reasons above given, rather what you would regard as lukewarm or tepid in my support of it, because, while I believe in it, I do not regard it as of very much importance. I believe that man and woman should stand on an equality of right, but I do not believe that equality of right means identity of functions; and I am more and more convinced that the great eld, the undisputable field, for the usefulness of woman is as the mother of the family.

HER WORK IN THE HOME.

"It is her work in the household, in the home, her work in bearing and rearing the children, which is more important than any man's work, and it is that work which should be normally the woman's special work, just as normally the man's work should be that of breadwinner, the supporter of the home, and, if necessary, the soldier who will fight for the home.

"There are exceptions as regards both man and woman; but the full and perfect life, the life of highest happiness and of highest usefulness to the state, is the life of the man and woman who are husband and wife, who live in the partnership of love and duty, the one earning enough to keep the home, the other managing the home and the children."

It does seem, the more seriously you think of the matter, that women can do more good in the home with the influence and knowledge gained by careful study and preparation for the sacred position of wife and mother.

### THE "IOWA COLORED WOMAN."

The "Iowa Colored Woman," the only woman's magazine in the State of Iowa, and fastered by the club women of Iowa, is being successfully edited by Mrs. S. Joe Brown. Mrs. James Woods, recording secretary of the Iowa State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, is city editor.

### CONTRIBUTE TO INSTITUTION.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York and the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Chicago contribute to the salaries of two teachers at the Howe Institute at Memphis, Tenn. In addition to the literary course, stenography, typewriting, printing, sewing, basketry, millinery, music and general housecleaning are given. The Woman's Bible Training Course was attended last year by 216 women from 26 churches and 6 denominations.

### MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

Mothers' meetings will be held at Flanner Guild, this city, every Thursday afternoon. It is hoped that the mothers of this community will take advantage of this opportunity to come together to discuss and formulate plans to meet the existing conditions among their children. It behooves every parent, and mothers especially, to give some special attention to the proper training and education of their boys and girls. The parents' duty by no means stops when the child has made its way to the schoolroom each day. The home influence and discipline must be right to help the teacher, for if the foundation is wrong, then the public school teacher is helpless to aid.

### MAKES EXCELLENT REPORT.

Mrs. Lena Mason, the great evangelist, made the following report to the Indiana Conference the past conference year:

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| Converts this year | 415 |
| Additions this year | 731 |
| Grand total added to church this year | 1,146 |
| Raised for the churches | $5,830.91 |
| Raised for myself | 4,932.45 |
| Raised for the poor | 149.35 |
| W. P. H. M. money | 10.00 |
| Raised for education money | 10.00 |
| Dollar money | 80.00 |
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The programs have proven to be of more than ordinary benefit. The club has made a study of English composition and rhetoric, the different Negro men and women of note, the leading topics of the day, and has partially followed the line of study as laid out by the Iowa State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. At the present time United States history is being studied systematically and thoroughly.

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Mrs. Kate Beasley, deceased, of Paducah, Ky., gave her possessions, consisting of a house and lot, an insurance policy for $220, and $500 in the bank, to a white man who had befriended her when she was without friends. To her only relative, a cousin, she left $5.00.

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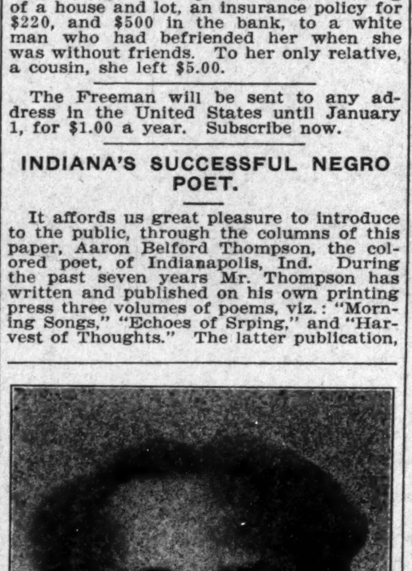
### INDIANA'S SUCCESSFUL NEGRO POET.

It affords us great pleasure to introduce to the public, through the columns of this paper, Aaron Belford Thompson, the colored poet, of Indianapolis, Ind. During the past seven years Mr. Thompson has written and published on his own printing press three volumes of poems, viz.: "Morning Songs," "Echoes of Srping," and "Harvest of Thoughts." The latter publication,



AARON BELFORD THOMPSON

"Harvest of Thoughts," which is now on eale, is in its third edition. This volume consists of a fine collection of poems, handsomely bound in blue and gold, contains several illustrations, has 106 pages, and an introduction by James Whitcomb Riley, who classes Mr. Thompson's poetical ability with that of the late Paul Lawrence Dunbar. Mr. Thompson is an elocutionist of rare ability, and recites his own productions, especially his humorous poems, to perfection. This young poet not only prints his own books, but has published several books for other young authors at very reasonable rates. One of his poems, entitled "Night," runs thus:

NIGHT.

Night, on her sable pinions,
Came down at close of day;
She took her flight
Through the gray twilight,
And banished the sun away.
Arrayed in her dark, sable garments,
With her jet black curling hair,
She paused by the brook
And a draught she took,
While a coolness filled the air.

She lay her hand on the reaper,
Who had tilled and sowed and reaped,
And bade him to lay,
From the toils of the day,
In a restful slumber of sleep.
And going 'cross meadow and valley,
And seeing things quiet and still,
She paused by the rocks
And summoned the fox,
And cried to the wild whip-poor-will.

The wild-fox responded the summon,
Which came by that of the spright,
And off in the dew,
Through the meadow he flew,
And was lost in the gloom of the night.
The whip-poor-will came from her hiding,
Among the fallows and trees;
She warbled and sang
Till her sweet voice rang
Like music afloat on the breeze.

Then night drew her dark, sable curtains,
Which parted the light from the day;
That the sun should not mar,
She lit up each star
With a gleam from the white milky-way.
All robed in her dark spectral garments,
Dripping with cold midnight dew,
She sate in repose
Till daylight arose,
Then away from the sunlight she flew.

Another little poem, which has caused thousands to think seriously, is entitled "Meum et Tuum," and runs thus:

Ye living mortal, Death's your fate;
Upon Life's road his angels wait;
He waits, your future doom to tell,
Perhaps a heaven, perhaps a hell;
And should you pass him by this day,
You almost know what he will say.

Then, again, he assumes a comic air in the poem entitled "After the Honeymoon," which runs thus:

Look-a heah, Marandy! whut you say?
Why don't I go to work? an it rainin' this a way?
Exposin' myse'f in the slush an' col'?
I wouldn't go to work to save yo' soul!

Whut 'o I care ef the grub is out?
You kin jes' go hungry, an' put up without!
Runnin' to the groc'ry sto'e every day,
Burnin' up my vit'ls an' a throwin' it away!
Exposin' myse'f in the slush an' col'?
I wouldn't go to work to save yo' soul!

I did give you money to buy a pair o' shoes!
I did give you money to pay yo' lodge dues!
An' I give you money to pay the house rent!
You didn't buy a thing!—but the money's all spent.
Exposin' myse'f in the slush an' col'?
I wouldn't go to work to save yo' soul!
Etc., etc., etc.

Mr. Thompson's entire book is full of entertaining poems and has found a welcome place in many a home and public library throughout the country. We wish Mr. Thompson a successful public life and the recognition and patronage of his people. This handsome book of poems, "Harvest of Thoughts," is within the reach of everybody who desires a copy. Sent postpaid to any address for onry 60 cents (in coin). Agents wanted. Address The Domestic Publisher, 2109 Howard Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

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### THE NEGROES OF SIERRA LEON.

A writer of Freetown, Sierra Leon, Africa, a city of 60,000 inhabittants, says that the "cafes, restaurants and hotels and most of the stores are owned and managed by native Negroes. They also police the city and some of them who have passed their examinations in law fill the lower magistracies. The last five years have brought about this condition."

The writer did not state what proportion of the population is Negroes, nor did he state the proportion of wealth, conditions which are necessary for forming a correct idea of the real progress of the Negroes. How do the people intermingle, fraternize? Without knowledge along these lines the high-sounding citation of the ownership of "cafes, restaurants, hotels and most of the stores" will be meaningless to those at a distance. For it may be as here in America, that certain occupations are fairly conceded the Negroes. Sixty thousand inhabitants make a great, big town. Only a few of our Southern cities exceed the population of Sierra Leon, if the writer is correct in the information. The African city would not, of course, stand for anything like the wealth or diversified interests of a similar American city by way of population.

The point is to find the true relation of the Sierra Leon Negroes' civilization as it is best understood. The American Negroes have thought all along that they were the most advanced of the race. But American Negroes do not own or conduct all of the cafes, hotels, restaurants and most of the stores in any of our cities—speaking in a general way. If the situation is not merely one of concession, granted out of peculiar race relations, if the Negroes are expected whenever and wherever they are able to make good, the situation is ideal, and if not disturbed by too much haste, will mean very much for future African civilization.

The story, however, sounds a little too good to be true, as it attempts to have us see the industrial condition of the Negroes of Sierra Leon. The development of such skill required in the conducting of hotels and good stores requires not only time, but education and experience. Even if Sierra Leon was a one-horse town, the job would be none the easier. Really 60,000 people could not be a one-horse town. System would be necessary throughout; an efficient head of government would be necessary, and all the rest of it for the intelligent conduct of a city of such a size. Not to disparage, but to arrive at the truth is the object. The intelligence, wisdom and experience required for the management of municipal affairs generally is also shared by those who conduct the business affairs. Does the writer mean to say that that city is thus blessed in its Negro population? "Most of the stores," regardless of the cafes and hotels in a city of 60,000, means something.

Perhaps the cafes and hotels do not count for much, the community being essentially agricultural, thus restricting the business. Consequently it may be that that kind of business is not cared for. "Most of the stores," however, is very different. It would be a matter of pleasure to write down such an enterprising community of Negroes, but we very much fear that his chronicling was a pink tea dream. Judging by the very much claimed by the writer, those people are unusual, are doing more than Negroes are doing elsewhere when of mixed communities. They do, it seems, conduct some of the stores, if not the most of them. We cannot make a similar boast. Incidentally, the American Negroes have stores that are generally patronized. In the interest of the exact truth they are so rare that they can only be classified as exceptions to the rule. The tendency at this time is toward segregation—those stores where social equality is suggested in their operation are getting cool on the Negro patronage, this most especially in communities where the race is in large numbers or in larger proportion to the total population. Admitting some truth in what the writer says, it will appear that we will do well to spend our sympathy on our poor selves, having in mind citizenship in the best sense.

We may as well add our oft-repeated "moral," that the situation is not without compensation. The American Negro is in no condition to compete with the white man. Capital, experience, education is against him, and his business salvation rests in his opportunity to do business within his race.

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### INDIANA AVENUE.

Indiana Avenue is not nearly so wicked as it used to be; it is becoming tamer as the years go by. Really, that is just what's getting to be the matter with it; it is getting sluggishly tame, and in most respects—in the wrong respects mostly. The middle section, just beyond the bridge, was breezy enough in the past; a rough house was likely to break out at any place. But, with all that, there were some good features, something alluring, compelling, when one had to see the Avenue every once in a while, answering as a tonic. One does get that way. Must see it again, or him again, or her again, and then all is quiet until the desire again fills to the verge and must again be satisfied.

Despite the expected outbreaks at this particular section, it was the most popular. And why not? Here were most of the first Negro ventures in business, consequently many worthy and representative citizens were there from time to time. Of all those ventures, Mother Smother's place only remains to tell the tale. She can tell it all as if it were yesterday. How her humble roof entertained the homecomers of the Civil war, and off whom she made her start, or at this time when their money was as the water that flows. At that time Mrs. Smother's place was what in this day is called a shack. It was known, however, that she had money, and it didn't matter much about the shack. When she got good and ready she put up a neat brick building. She literally continues to do business at the old stand. She has lived through the many changes, knows when the times were extremely dangerous. When she is in a reminiscent mood she can give the history of the middle section from the war up to the present time.

As before stated, the Avenue is tamer—too tame. Those wide-awake stores, groceries, confectioneries, fish markets, cafés, lunch rooms, that were on either side are all gone. Beasley's beanery, so-called, a marvel of neatness, where you got a good, wholesome lunch and a good rest, if you desired—it is gone. And, what's more, nothing springs up to take the place of those "ships that passed in the night." We voice the old, old cry for the things that were. They say that every succeeding age has pointed out to it the good old past, when in fact each succeeding age is an improvement on the one just flown into eternity. Note the lack of credence. These stories are not believed, being charged to the dulled imagination of the dotage or a desire to appear pharisaical—be better than others, of a better age and such like. Tut, tut! is the way it is put when one attempts to prove the present is in instances weighed in the balance and found wanting. But this is one of the "true things" that we are now talking about—a condition which has grown backward, and there's plenty proof left to prove it.

For instance, is it supposed that the poolroom twenty years ago was heard batting balls on Sunday? A little thing; no law against it, excepting that of conscience. This is no part of this argument further than to illustrate right quickly the difference. It is only one of the many things that point the whither. No fighting, no gambling, we may say, but plenty of slugish lolling about, like the men with the big, red shawl. Where will the dear young men go? To the Y. M. C. A., the Sunday-school, the lyceum, the singing society. These things, doubtless, are foreign to those most in need of them. Our race is getting a great, big feeling of disdain for the modest, nicer things that go to make up life, many acting as millionaires very often when their total asset is on their backs. Big notioned peoples should be found doing big things—building bridges, canals, skyscrappers and battleships. Here's your consistency. Indiana Avenue is getting away from fighting; it is taking on the big feeling. Questions of the greatest moment are settled in a jiffy—"no doubt about it" idea prevailing largely, or, if not that, then with the waft of the hand questions of the greatest moment are brushed aside as unworthy the consideration.

In the meanwhile the little stores, the nice little stores, have gone a-glimmering. The little luncheries that sat the appetizing dishes, the little confectioneries to where came the maiden half afraid and the lad scarcely less abashed have given away to more or less doubtful concerns, where none is afraid or abashed. The thoughtful now pushing his way through the thick, when at its thickest, runs to parallelism only to be met up with in fiction. One is reminded of Victor Hugo's characterization of the Seine—dark and forbidding doors promisng to lead to where there will be no speedy return. But not so bad as this yet, in all justice. Everything is peace—a sluggish peace that bids fair to crystalize and stay. As stated before, here is ample supply for the novelist of the old order—Dickens—to unfold the strange Rip Van Winkle condition that has befallen the erstwhile middle section of Indiana Avenue. Of course there is something doing, but all so different. Great crowds surge in and out of certain doors, reminding one of bees at a beehive, yet they must be drones, one will think. Then the shops may have become so dingy and murky that one feels impelled by a cry within, "Pass on!" Masterly inactivity has settled herself in the seat of the erstwhile busy section. The timid fight shy—give this portion the duck, or the dive, appearing again way beyond on the other side. But what's the use of imposing on the novelist? The deposit is too rich really to be so rudely disturbed; it should be thoroughly worked, giving us a new "Misreables" that would bring fame to author and renown of a kind to the section.

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# Hotel Notes.

By W. Forrest Cozart.

## REGARDING COLORED WAITERS.

Special to The Freeman.

I read an article in the waiters' column of The Freeman wherein you stated that, after twenty years, they had changed from colored waiters to white waitresses at the National Hotel, Peoria, Ill. Is the National any exception to the fad all over the country? Considering the National has had eight different proprietors within the past twenty-five years, and up to the time the change was made there was not a hotel in the city employing colored waiters, and heretofore all hotels and cafes of any note in the city used the colored waiters. I will state further that the present managemnet has always preferred white waitresses to waiters in all hotels he has had charge of. He turned the colored waiters out of the Randle Hotel at Fort Wayne, Ind., to put in girls.

We expected the change long before it came, so it was not surprising. We had no trouble whatever, as the waiters gave general satisfaction and the public was well pleased. As to going to the expense of fixing a floor for the girls, you have been misinformed. They simply turned out the male help and gave the girls their rooms. And as to the girls giving satisfaction, we will leave that to the public to decide.

The manager considered our headwaiter to be one of the best he has had since he has been in the hotel business, which his recommendation will show.

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In these days of hard times and severe weather it behooves every colored waiter to look well to his laurels.

Our own Dr. Furniss, the American minister to Hayti, covered himself with glory during the revolution in that country.

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Again the fighting blood of the Haytians has reached the boiling over point and a revolution under General Simon has upset that country.

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Poor old Nord Alexis, the deposed president of Hayti, like all great fighters, has taken the count. He has one great consolation and that is, there are others. Exit, Nord Alexis.

Mrs. Gertrude Hutchinson, wife of J. Hutchinson, the popular head bellman at the Galt House, Louisville, died recently. Mrs. Hutchinson was an accomplished musician and school teacher, much beloved by all, who bemoan her loss.

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Daniel Powell, one of the active members of the Hotel Waiters' and Cooks' Alliance of Louisville, Ky., was at one time a "side pal" of the editor of this department, and we spent many years of service at the Galt House, in that city, "when knighthood was in flower."

Messrs. Davis and Walker made an excellent defense of the colored waiters of Detroit in the articles written to the daily papers of that city recently. The editor being familiar with the case and knowing the true merit of the waiters of Detroit, highly appreciates the letters of these advocaters of their fellow craftsmen.

The Warner Hotel, Chicago, has discharged its colored steward and colored waiters, who have been with the company for a number of years and put white girls in their places and also a white steward. The company did the same thing at the Alexander Hotel on the North Side some time ago. They did not give the waiters a moment's notice either time.

Our good brother and friend, Rev. Henderson, believes the day of independence of the Negro is at hand and yet censures the Rt. Rev. Bishop Walters and his followers, whom he believed were misguided and committed a grave error in giving their support to another party in the last election. Yes, brother, the day of independence is at hand, and henceforth you will not be able to tell a Negro's politics by the color of his skin.

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Dr. Booker T. Washington, the sage of Tuskegee and the dean of the advocaters of industrial education, in a recent letter to the public told of several interesting incidents concerning the poor school facilities of the colored children in the rural districts and wound up with an appeal to all members of the race to make an effort to better the conditions. We believe that the letter will do much good along educational lines.

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The loyal colored Republicans of Missouri were given a big dose of "lily white" medicine recently when the party leaders held a jollification meeting. It was given out that no Negroes were wanted, although 25,000 colored voters of that State figured very largely in rolling up the 1,200 plurality which gave the State to Taft, and especially the two votes by which the lieutenant-governor squeezed in. Will some of the big fellows explain?

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A pretty political fight is being fought in Ohio, where Theodore Burton, President Roosevelt's candidate for the Senate to succeed Senator Foraker, and Chas. P. Taft, brother of the President-elect, are vieing with each other for the senatorial toga. In the meantime Senator Foraker is sawing wood. It seems that a compromise will be reached between Burton and Taft whereby Burton will allow Taft to win and then he will be taken care of by President Taft.

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Robert N. Pannell, late headwaiter at the Burnet House, Cincinnati, and for many years an officer of the Homestead, Hot Springs, Va., has been engaged as second waiter by Jas. McClain, who has succeeded the late Fred Allen at the Royal Ponciana, Palm Beach, Fla. Mr. Pannell is a very efficient officer and we predict for him much success. He is also a shorthand writer and one of the vice presidents of the Head and Side Waiters' Association.

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Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii has arrived in Washington, D. C., to press her claim for $250,000 for the part the United States played at the time she was dethroned. It was during the administration of President Harrison that a conspiracy was hatched by some Americans and executed with the aid of some foolish Hawaiians, which resulted in the overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani. The United States man-of-war then in the harbor prevented the Government from making a serious fight to maintain its government. This incident, we believe, marked the first epoch of the United States in its expansion policy. Since then Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Panama have felt the effects of our expansion. Santomingo and Hayti may soon feel similar experiences.

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The hotel employes of Louisville, Ky., have organized a waiters' and cooks' alliance No. 261 and has a membership of 83 members. The officers are W. H. Thomas, president; Lewis Carr, first vice president; H. S. Rosboro, second vice president; Chas. Watt, general agent and financial secretary; F. Hopwood, treasurer; Wm. Carey, recording secretary; Geo. Barber, chairman sick committee. The trustees are: Daniel Powell, Alfred Shepherd and John Dehoney. The object of the organization is mutual aid and to keep the members of the respective professions posted on all service in their department in order that they may keep abreast of the times and always be efficient and up-to-date. It is said that this alliance is quite punctual in looking after the sick and the unemployed. We heartily congratulate these young men and wish for them much success.

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The Pennobscot Inn, a high-class cafe of Detroit, has discharged the colored waiters and put in a white crew. The colored boys were employed in the Pennobscot for several years, but a white headwaiter was always employed to handle them, and this very thing was, as it always is, the undoing of the colored waiters. We often hear colored waiters publicly announce that they would rather work for a white headwaiter. This may be so, but the white headwaiter very seldom prefers to work colored waiters and whenever they consent to take a dining room in which colored waiters are employed it is with the ultimate purpose of working in white waiters at some time in the near future. They begin at once to knock the colored waiters to both proprietor and guests and if the proprietor is not very set in his ways, they will sooner or later succeed in making him believe that the colored waiters are not proficient and that white waiters would be a very beneficial adjunct to the hotel. All white headwaiters belong to the Waiters' Union and are pledged to make an opening for the union side men whenever and wherever they can.

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President Roosevelt in a recent letter to a Southern gentleman in the State of Virginia said in part: "The threat of reduction of Southern representation in Congress is simply absurd." The Republican platform of 1904, upon which Mr. Roosevelt was elected, declared for reduction of Southern representation. Mr. Roosevelt approved of it at that time, at least before the election. But now he laughingly says that such talk is "simply absurd." What kind of food has the President been feeding upon? Such a decision by the President is a hint to the South that the powers that be at Washington will not oppose any race discrimination or disfranchisement that may be enacted against the colored citizens of that section of the country. What has become of the President's "square deal" and his "door of hope"? Will the Negro always be blind? The loyal Negro Republicans are now getting their dose.

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The National Hotel, Peoria, Ill., has dismissed its colored waiters and put in waitresses. Colored waiters had been employed in that hotel for over thirty years, and Robert Gibbons was headwaiter there for about twenty-five years. A few months ago Mr. Gibbons was succeeded by J. G. Miles, another old-timer, who has served thirty years as headwaiter at the famous old Plankinton House, Milwaukee. This last straw seemed to have broken the camel's back, and now so far as colored waiters are concerned, Peoria may as well be wiped off the map. We do not, however, place the blame of the loss of the National to any particular shortcomings, because we know from practical experience that colored headwaiters in Peoria hotels had rocky roads to travel. The indisposition of many waiters to work and observe the rules and the scarcity of good waiters to fill the places of the incompetent ones had no doubt much to do with the several changes in Peoria from colored to white waiters. In Civil War times Peoria was the headquarters of the "Copperheads," an organization of Southerners who worked secretly to spread and maintain slavery. At one period a colored man was not allowed in Peoria and it was many years after the war before they were allowed to take up a residence in that city, and much of this ante-bellum race prejudice still exists.

# Race Gleanings

## TELL HIM SO.

If you have a word of cheer
That may light the pathway dear
Of a brother pilgrim here,
Let him know.

Show him you appreciate
What he does and do not wait
Till the heavy hand of Fate
Lay him low.

If your heart contains a thought
That will brighter make his lot,
Then, in mercy, hide it not;
Tell him so.

Wait not till your friend is dead
Ere your compliments are said;
For the spirit that has fled,
If it know,

Does not need to speed it on,
Our poor praise; where it has gone
Love eternal, golden dawn
Is aglow.

But unto our brother here
That poor praise is very dear;
If you've any word of cheer,
Tell him so.

—*Human Nature.*

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There is a Negro Automobile Operators' Leage in New York City.

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There are 21 Negroes employed in the postoffice at Houston, Tex., whose salaries per year aggregate $14,000.

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Allen Hatter of Foinche Dam, Ark., sold 144 bales of cotton at Little Rock last week which brought $7,344.85.

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J. B. Britts of Fulton, Mo., put up over 10,000 cans of tomatoes and fruit this season. The produce was raised on his farm.

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The annual reunion of the Progressive Union, Fountain 754, Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers, was held last Wednesday evening.

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The Negroes of Temple, Tex., own more nice homes than in any other city of its size in the State. Their dwellings are of the most approved and modern style.

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John Bush, the well-known photographer of Wilmington, N. C., is located at Spartanburg, S. C., and is making button photographs on the streets, being the only colored man in that business.

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A Fraternity Club, composed of colored men who are graduates of colleges and universities, will be organized at Louisville. Prof. John T. Clark of Central and Prof. Jones of the State University are among the promoters.

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M. D. Butts, near Calvert, Tex., owns 600 acres of Robertson county land. He gathered 50 bales of cotton this year. He has 20 mules, 50 cows, 25 horses, 30 hogs and hundreds of chickens, etc. He is said to be worth fully $30,000.

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An organization recently formed by white real estate owners of New York is limiting Negro residence to certain sections of the city. Some of the several well-known Negro real estate men will no doubt test the case in the local courts.

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Jesse Binga, 3633 State street, Chicago, has recently opened a private bank, which is meeting with success and with prospects favorable. Before embarking in the banking business Mr. Binga had been conducting a realty and loan business, which he will also continue just the same.

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The United Order of Good Shepherds of Alabama has purchased 2,000 acres of land in Dallas county. The purposes of the order are for the industrial, agricultural and social uplift of the race. The organization has 6,000 members in Alabama, 1,100 in Florida and 800 in Louisiana.

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The total assets of the Pioneer Building and Loan Association of Greensboro, N. C., as shown by the recently issued annual report, are $18,561.73. The total value of the eleven series issued up to that time was $15,336.70. J. E. Dellinger is president and Prof. James B. Dudley is secretary and treasurer.

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Wm. H. Holtzclaw, principal of the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute of Utica, Miss., is making a tour of the Northern States to raise funds for the work. The school is five years old, has 500 students, 25 teachers. There are 14 buildings with 1,500 acres of ground. Besides an industrial course a splendid English course is given. The valuation of the property is $75,000.

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The Baltimore Steam Boat Company, incorporated under the laws of Maryland with an authorized capital stock of $60,000, makes its initial bow to the public. Their certificate of incorporation authorizes them to engage in water excursions, bathing beach and hotel business. The whole outfit is owned and managed by a company of energetic business men of the race with George W. Brown as president.

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"El Liberal," one of the newspapers of Havana, Cuba, announces an architectural competition recently held there for the privilege of designing a leper hospital, and that Delfin Valdes, who graduated here in May of the present year, was successful in having his plans adopted. Valdes came to Tuskegee a number of years ago as a very young student and was successfully promoted from year to year. He was one of the brightest of the architectural students, and we congratulate him upon his success in having his plans adopted for this important building.—*Tuskegee Student.*

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## STRANGE NEGRO TRIBE SEEN IN DUTCH GUIANA

A remarkable tribe of Negroes, with a language of their own, was found by Lieut. R. H. Wymans of the Dutch navy, who has arrived in New York from an expedition into hitherto unexplored parts of Dutch Guiana, in South America.

The Negroes were encountered after the explorers had proceeded a hundred miles up the Surinam river and then cut across country to the boundary between British and Dutch Guiana. They appeared never to have seen white men before, and while perfectly black, were not of the thick-lipped type. After considerable effort their language was found to be a mixture of several European tongues, Dutch, Portuguese and English predominating.

Learning to converse with them after a fashion, Lieut. Wymans said his party was able to get much valuable information from them. He was of the opinion that they were descendants of slaves who had escaped from the coast, doubtless, many generations ago, and formed a settlement far in the interior, where they hoped to be free from pursuit and capture.

## JURY DECIDES FOR HOTEL.

### Case Growing Out of Refusal to Allow Prohibitionist to Ride in Claypool Elevator Settled in Three Minutes.

Special to The Freeman.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind.—Special.—After deliberating three minutes Friday of last week a jury returned a verdict for the defendant in the case of Albert Carter, colored, of Westfield, Ind., against the Indiana Hotel Company, operating the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis. The colored man was one of the delegates to the Prohibition convention in the Claypool Hotel one year ago. Because he was not permitted to ride in one of the elevators of the hotel he filed a suit against the hotel company charging discrimination against him because of color.

The case was sent to Martinsville on change of venue and this afternoon change of venue. The evidence presented by Henry W. Lawrence, president of the hotel company and manager of the hotel, was to the effect that three elevators in the house were exactly alike and were intended for passengers. He said the elevator in which the colored delegate insisted upon being a passenger was reserved for women, but that he was permitted to ride in either of the other two cars.

At teh time of the friction caused between the hotel management and the Prohibitionists several men and women who were attending the convention protested against excluding the colored man from the elevator and several of them left the car when the operator refused to start it and rode in another elevator with Carter.

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## HARRISBURG, ILL.

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In fifteen years this place has grown from a town of 2,002 to a city of 8,000, of which our race has about 600, and we become one of the great mining towns in the State which employs a great number of colored miners. We have two churches and each has a large membership; one Odd Fellows lodge and Household of Ruth. ...The A. M. E. church gave a dinner on Thanksgiving day, concluding with a concert in the evening...Of all the entertainments Queen Esther Household of Ruth, No. 602, will on Christmas night give the grandest. They expect to surpass any they have formerly given. The Household expects to have some of the State officers with them that day and night, and they are bending every effort to raise money in connection with the Odd Fellows to build a hall 40 by 85 feet in the spring. They lost one of their members recently, who was murdered at her home, Sister Frances Coleman, the widow of the late Rev. Chas. H. Coleman, who died December 27, 1908. She was a faithful member of the order and the church. Her death at the hands of one George Smith has cast a gloom over the whole community. Smith will be tried for murder next month...The last report I sent to your paper was the crystal wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Messer, Dec. 4, 1883, which you kindly published. Now on Dec. 4 they celebrated their thirtieth anniversary.

## CINCINNATI, O.

Special to The Freeman.

The defeat of George W. Hayes of this district has not deterred the Negroes from keeping up their organization for a future fight. They are determined to show to the people of this district that the Negro is capable of unity and organization, and do as they have done in other parts of Ohio and Illinios, and elect their representatives to the Legislature. This same fever has reached Louisville and other sections of the country where the Negroes have been fortunate in having brave and conscientious leaders. Negroes are now giving much thought to the election next fall and many of the leaders claim they are going to play the game for all it is worth, with a view to getting the "brother" something to do more than ordinary service...The colored people of this city were given an opportunity this week to sit on the first floor at Heuck's Theatre where the Cole & Johnson company was the attraction...Miss Pearl White of Louisville was in the city last week and was entertained by Miss Jennie Porter with a delightful party. Miss White was the guest of Miss Leik of the Covington schools...Miss Leota Nichols of Midway, Ky., was the guest of Miss Alice Chinn of Covington...Sam J. Corker Jr. of the Cole & Johnson company spent several days at the Douglass Hotel...The Pythian Monitor, edited by Jos. L. Jones, is one of the newest fraternal papers of the country. It has as its associates Mrs. Eva Irving Grant, Miss Myrtle Toliver and Mrs. Sarah Jones. They have one of the most up-to-date offices in the country. Editor Jones is a well character in the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and the Uniform Rank of the World. Adjt. Jones stated that there are about 400 uniform companies and 25,000 uniform men, and that he expected to see nearly every man present at Kansas City next year at the biennial conclave...One of the oldest business enterprises is that of Ed. Gaither at Fifth and Central avenue. He is reported to have one of the swellest and best paying cafes in the country. Some months ago there was connected with his place a rathskeller and it is proving to be quite a success. A stag hotel is connected with the cafe and many of the most prominent Negroes of the country stop at his place...There are a number of evidences of progressive Negroes in Cincinnati, among them being J. E. Thompson, William Porter, Fred Lewis, Nun & Kinkhead, Roy Troy, John Mc. Roberts, Fountain Lewis, Drs. Irvin, Kerr, Vaughn, Cornish and Dickerson... One of the most homelike places at which to stop while in this city is the Perry House, 318 Perry street. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calloway are the proprietors of this house and they have some of the best and most comfortably furnished rooms in the city. The Perry House is located right in the heart of the city and has numbered among its guests some of the best respected people of the country.

## TROY, ALA.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Montgomery entertained at dinner Thanksgiving Day Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Tinsley....Mrs. Laura Segare is on the sick list....Mrs. Julia Smith has gone to Brantly, Ala....Mrs. Georgia Wiley and Mrs. Callie Wiley spent Thanksgiving Day in Union Springs.... Miss Minnie West, of Inverness, Ala., is in the city the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Jessie Sanders, of 174 Railroad avenue.... Mrs. Mary Reece and little daughter Weedy will spend Christmas at Clayton, Ala....Mr. G. W. Andrews, Jr., of Brantly, Ala., spent Thanksgiving Day in the city....Mr. Gus Rainer continues sick at the poor house....Rev. A. D. W. Mitchell has been returned as pastor of the A. M. E. Church and Rev. G. B. West presiding elder. Rev. James Thompkins has been returned to Troy district....Mrs. Fannie Bishop died Thursday morning, November 26, at her home on Lake street. Her remains were laid to rest at Midway, Ala. She was a member of Queen Esther Court No. 205....Each subscriber to The Freeman is urged to ask his neighbor and friend to help increase the circulation of The Freeman in Troy Ala. The Freeman is $1.00 a year until January 1. See the agent at 423 E. Academy street....Mrs. Lena Adair is on the sick list....Hattie May Harris, the grandchild of Mrs. Mary Bennett, died November 20. Rev. Arnold officiated at the funeral....Rev. Good was in the city Saturday and left his subscription for The Freeman....Mr. Charlie May, of Shellhorn, Ala., was in the city last week....Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thrasher are happy over the arrival of a fine boy....The Free Will Bible Club of this city are doing a good in the way of looking after the sick and unfortunate ones of our race. The club met Sunday evening at the residence of Mrs. Charlie Wicks....Rebecca Court I. O. O. F. No. 307 will give a play December 14 at the K. of P. Hall; admission 50 cents a couple. ...Subscribe for The Freeman—$1.00 a year....Mrs. James Henderson entertained the Married Ladies Embroidery Club Wednesday. Dainty refreshments were served....Mr. William Ford has returned to Dothen, Ala....Services were well attended at the A. M. E. Church last Sunday at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. Mitchell, preached an excellent sermon.... Rev. C. J. Hatcher passed through Troy Saturday....Rev. Clayton, Mesdames Annie Slayton, Malona Harris and Viola Allred accompanied the remains of Mrs. Fannie Bishop to Midway, Ala....Rev. M. C. Lowery will fill his pulpit Sunday as usual....Now is the time to subscribe for The Freeman, only $1.00 a year.

## JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Herndon of South Fayette street royally entertained at Thanksgiving dinner Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Dealy and daughter Cleota, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mallory, Mrs. C. L. Agnew and U. M. Triplett...Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirk and little Wilbert spent Thanksgiving in Pittsfield...Mrs. Bassette of South West street had the misfortune to fall from a chair recently and injured herself very bad...Harry Guthrie is suffering from rheumatism...Samuel Mitcherson of Alton, Ill., spent Thanksgiving with friends in this city...L. M. Johnson of South Clay avenue royally entertained at dinner Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Carter and son Haynes of Arnold, Ill., W. M. Robinson of Springfield, Ill., and Rev. E. M. Harlis...Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Branum of Sinclair spent Thanksgiving in our city...Mr. and Mrs. Miltaire of St. Paul, Minn., left for their home after a pleasant visit with friends...The dinner and supper given November 26 at the K. of P. hall by the members of the A. M. E. Church was largely attended and a good success. The hall was beautifully decorated in colors of yellow, purple, red, green and orange. The tables on the red side were decorated in yellow and red and the tables on the blue side were decorated with blue and white. All kinds of fowls were devoured by hundreds of people and the dinner was delicious. At a late hour in the evening fruits and other things were auctioned off and brought good prices. Charley Jackson was the bidder on the red side...Mrs. Benjamin Golden and Mrs. Oliver Jackson of Quincy were the guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Freeman. Mrs. Curtis Raymond also entertained them at her home...The dinner and supper given on November 26 by the members of the McCabe Church was largely attended and a good success. The concert in the evening was also largely attended and a good success...Miss Jessie Carter is much improved after a severe illness...The Union service held on November 26 at the Second Christian Church was largely attended. Rev. L. E. Christy preached the Union sermon and the prayer was by Rev. Taylor...Born to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Goff, a fine son... Miss Ordnuff of Lincoln, Ill., was the guest recently of Mrs. Flora Patterson... Austin Carter Jr. was a Springfield visitor Thanksgiving...Rev. Mason, pastor of the Mt. Emory Baptist Church, is on the sick list this week...Mrs. Hirman of South Fayette street, who has been quite ill, is some better at this writing...Mrs. Pullman of Louisiana, Mo., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Redding...Miss Wheeler of Louisiana, Mo., was also the guest of Mrs. J. Redding on Thanksgiving...A fair will be given by the sewing circle of the Bethel A. M. E. Church on December 17 at the church...Alonzo Fry and Miss Mattie Hobbs Brooch, both of this city, were married on November 26 at the home of Samuel Hobbs by Rev. Goff before a number of friends and relatives. Both are very industrious people and have many friends who wish them much happiness and success. Mr. Fry is a young man who has been employed for years at Cherry's livery stable and is well liked by his employers. He is the son of Mrs. Fry on South Ebey street. Mr. and Mrs. A. Fry will go to housekeeping at once on Railroad street...Moscow Sutton and Miss L. Hogan were married November 25 at the Mt. Emory Baptist parsonage by Rev. Mason in the presence of a few relatives and friends. An excellent reception was held at the home of Mrs. Emmett Mosely on South Sandy street. Sixty guests were present and excellent refreshments were liberally served. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton are well liked by their many friends, who will join in wishing them much happiness and success. They will reside at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hogan...The dinner and supper given on November 26 by the members of the Mt. Emory Baptist Church was largely attended and a good success. The table on the east side was decorated nicely in green and red and were cared for by Miss Mattie Davis, and the tables on the west side were decorated in the same colors and were cared for by Mrs. J. McCree and Mrs. Flora Patterson. In the evening an excellent concert was rendered by Mrs. J. McCree and was well attended. Miss Susie Lynch had an excellent table decorated in different colors of her own design...Ollie Hobbs of Louisiana, Mo., is visiting friends in this city. ...Mrs. Otis Wallace spent Thanksgiving in Bloomington, Ill...Mrs. M. C. Clark and Mrs. Mazie Mallory attended a big banquet in honor of the State staff at Springfield, Ill., last week. Mrs. M. C. Clark is president and Mrs. M. Mallory is the chairman of the ways and means committee...Mrs. Bettie Harris of Goltra avenue was a Peoria visitor last week... Mrs. Charley Stewart's family, of East Washington street, is some better at this writing...George Young spent three or four days with Jacksonville friends. He is now located in Dickson, Ill., for the winter...C. L. Agnew of Aurora, Ill., was seen on the streets last week shaking hands with many friends...Frank Mallory has been somewhat ill during the week...Ed Mallory has had his home remodeled and refurnished...Miss Geneva Watts of Pittsfield, Ill., spent Sunday in Jacksonville with her sister, Mrs. Jerome Rollins.

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## GALVESTON, TEX.

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Mrs. Sam Warren, who has been in Austin for some time, has returned to this city....The Metropolitan Art Club of this city gave an up-to-date dinner on Thanksgiving at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Radford, 3914 Avenue N....Mr. J. A. B. Taylor, president of the S. S. Missionary Society, announces that the organization will render the following program on December 6, at 10 a. m.: Song, society; invocation, Mr. P. H. Matthews; scripture lesson, Mrs. M. Brooks; solo, Miss Mineola Andrews; recitation, Jennie V. Stewart; recitation, Connie V. Jasper; duet, Misses Dorothy Butler and Sarah Harris; paper, Miss Fannie Butler; violin solo, J. A. B. Taylor; select reading, Miss Ethel Matthews; recitation, Mrs. Nettie Jasper; solo, Mr. Hiram Mayes; diologue, three little boys; ffuartette, Mesdames Grant and Spencer and Messrs Mayes and Davis....Miss Myrtle O. Black, of Wharton, is in the city for a while. Miss Black is ex-president of the S. S. Missionary Society....James Martin, a dock worker on pier 36, has the life crushed out of himself between drawheads of two box cars last Saturday evening about 6 o'clock. The man attempted to leap across the gap between two freight cars....The annual hop of the Lawrence Lodge F. & A. M. given Thanksgiving evening proved to be quite a pleasing affair. All who attended having enjoyed themselves to the highest.

## GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Bessie Wade is stopping with Mrs. Ada Bensor while attending the C. M. E. Conference at Fort Worth, Tex... Thanksgiving was offered by the New Hope Baptist Church and C. M. E. church. ...Mrs. Lucy Flint, mother of W. M. Lewis, has returned to Mount Pleasant after a brief stay with her son...The New Hope people have called Rev. Brown of Gainsville, Tex., for their next pastor. ...H. H. Reed has a very sick child... T. M. Holloway has purchased his uniform already for his baseball club for the next season...Rev. H. H. Brown will be found at James Jefferson's shop on South Right street and would be glad to see his friends come around.

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The President's Anannias Club is growing; he recently included some Indiana members.

Pure, unadulterated winter weather dropped off the reel immediately behind Thanksgiving day.

It might have been known that all of those Panama millions could not have been spent without s ome sort of squabble following. Let's have more of it; we want to know what's it all about.

Do the Haitians imagine that they have helped themselves up in the estimation of civilization by the disgraceful treatment of their venerable President? Age requires some consideration.

These are the days when one, by chance, stumbles on mysterious packages here and there. The only thing to do in such cases is to do nothing—look unflurried until the eventful day, then tell it.

The Negro doll is now before you, ladies. Will you have one? Can you screw your courage up to the sticking place? They are no jets among them—just nice brownies and upwards. Hair to match. Something new under the sun.

Robert W. Taylor, now doing business on Wall street as a broker, was at one time financial secretary to Booker T. Washington. It is said that Mr. Taylor has had success since the day he began business. He is giving his attention to railroad bonds and mining.

The Democrats of Louisville think of giving the Negroes representation in the fire department and positions on the police force. This as a little matter of exchange at the polls. We stick to the "text"—vote for your friends, whether they be Republicans or Democrats.

Enoch G. Hogate has mentioned numerous reasons why the constitution of Indiana should be revised. He holds that the foreign population is a menace to the state as voters, knowing nothing of the affairs or the laws. He recently expressed himself at length on this subject, viewing it the first in importance in the proposed revision.

It is now thought that Senator Foraker of Ohio wil be returned to the United States Senate. The Freeman hopes the report is true, having in mind his general public usefulness and his regard for the Negroes. The Negroes everywhere have a friendly regard for the Ohio Senator, and who will feel chagrined if he is turned down in attempting to discover the truth.

Negroes are geeting too much in evidence as purse snatchers. Christmas is at hand and many, we will suppose, are all down and out. But at that, there are others; these others are not snatching purses; they are working it out, putting philosophy in the situation and to the extent that so ong as they have two good hands, with sufficient dexternty to snatch some one else's belongings they are of sufficient dexterity to work by which things may come. The last may be a little slow, but it is sure, and like the story of the race between the tortoise and the hair, will win in the long run, as the dull prodding tortoise won, and simply because he kept at it.

In speaking of the recent understanding with Japan, the New York Post said as follows:

"To whomever the credit for this belongs, whether to Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Root or the Japanese statesmen, it can not be given too freely or too generously. It is a patriotic service of the highest order and ought to end once and for all the silly talk of war with Japan, except in the case of such hopeless monomaniacs as Congressman Hobson. Henceforth, if the United States will but treat decently and honorably the Japanese within its borders, the relations between the two countries should be of the friendliest."

Miss Nannie Burroughs, of Louisville says that Negro dolls and Negro pictures should be in all Negro homes. In a recent talk, Miss Burroughs said:

"Our children are our ideals, as surely as the women of our race are the ideals of the men of our race. These maidens carved from ebony, this array of mahogany blonds, tantalizing, browns and this aggravation of other hues and shades comes to us as God's most perfect work in the blending of colrs. And certainly He must have been pleased with His color schemes, because He has made more of the 'varied hues' class than of the others."

How is that for logic?

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, the well known female suffragist, is getting more eloquent as her years increase, her friends declare. She is now nearly ninety, and the other day at a reception given her in Boston made what her friends say was the finest speech of her life. She said that when she began to talk about woman suffrage she never knew when to stop. "It was my good fortune to get interested in the suffrage question about the time the Negro men obtained their freedom," Mrs. Howe said. "Then for the first time I saw the whole of the other. This seemed to me an intolerable tyranny. I couldn't help but think that after we had held the door open for the Negro we might at least have been allowed to go in with him."

Allenworth, Cal., is a new Negro town already surveyed. It is now being populated and built by a Negro company in honor of whose president, Col. Allensworth, the town is named. The site of the new city is on the main line of the Santa Fe Railroad and seven miles west of the Southern Pacific, at a point about half way between Los Angeles and San Francisco, and in one of the most fertile parts of the San Joaquin valley. The land possesses an inexhaustible water supply and produces as good oranges, grapes and sugar beets as can be raised in the state. Blackberries, sweet potatoes, onions, tomatoes and alfalfa grow luxuriantly there, and the country is rapidly becoming one of the greatest dairying sections of California.

Col. Allensworth is no deramer. A year or more ago when it was announced that he would build a Negro city, very little was thought of it. Today he has his city in ship-shape style. The site was chosen with care, having in mind the needs of the colonists. Allensworth preferred California, where nature is at its utmost, promising the greatest results.

A scheme is being arranged for the protection of the manlike apes in the German colonies of equatorial Africa. It is proposed in the first place that the shooting of these creatures should be strictly prohibited and steps taken for their protection. In connection with this it is proposed to establish in the Cameroons a special reserve for the fauna of the equatorial forest generally. This reserve would include a zoological tropical station, with gardens attached, in which attention would be specially directed to the protection and rearing of the anthropoid apes and other denizens of the forest zone. The scheme would likewise include the study of the fresh water fauna of the tropics generally as well as the investigation and cure of tropical diseases. The estabishment of a marine zoological station in East Africa and a (perhaps movable) fresh water station on the Great Lakes likewise forms a part of the project.—London Field.

Yes, they will have to be very careful of the preservation of most of the animals. One mighty Nimrod is astir; it will not be very long before a falling off in the animal population of Africa will be noticed.

Rey Morales of New York has been in the city a few days looking after business. Mr. Morales is an expert accountant; he has recently finished an engagement in Chicago which was a credit to himself and profession. Not many young men have had the advantages of the superior opportunities that have fallen to him. He is a Harvard man, has traveled extensively at home and in Europe. He is student-like in dispositon, which added to his acquirements, make him very agreeable as an entertained. By the way, Mr. Morales is not a Negro, according to his statement; he is of Mexican and Indian descent; was born in the City of Mexico, where he lived until he was fit for schooling. The priesthood was the calling designed for him by his father and for which purpose he obtained the better part of his schooling. Young Morales did not cleave to the paternal groove, as is the case so often. He felt that he was ont cut out for the priesthood, consequently turned his attention to the very fascinating business of "figgering." In his career he has had difficult jobs which he has always mastered. Mr. Morales, while of Indian and Mexican descent, would readily pass for a colored man, but merely on account of his color. His features and hair show traces of the races he claims to have descended from.

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## THE PARKER HOUSE.

My Dear—I write you again, and as usual from the Parker House, the well-known hotel conducted by Mr. Duerson. Not long since Cole and Johnson and their set were here, and, by the way, a most congenial lot of folks. As it is always in hotels, we regular people had to get along the best we could until the rush was over, yet we enjoyed it; it gave us variety, and you know we need that so much. You are expected over at any time. The best room will be reserved for you. As to the meals, leave that to Mr. Duerson. Mr. Dudley would say, just call him. He solicits the public generally. Don't forget the address.

## LOGANSPORT, IND.

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Bethel A. M. E. Church is enjoying a season of exceptional prosperity. The Woman's Mite Missionary Society was organized December 3 with Mrs. J. L. Craven, president; Mrs. Maggie Brooks, vice president; Mrs. Norris Lewis, treasurer, and Mrs. Mathi King, secretary. A. J. Allen, G. C. King and Norris Lewis were elected trustees on the same evening. Following the meeting the members gathered at the parsonage and gave the pastor and family a large donation. Addresses were made by G. C. King and Rev. C. S. Jones. Rev. Craven and wife responded to same...Sunday was quarterly meeting. Rev. M. Lewis, P. E., was present and rendered able service, and a glorious meeting was enjoyed all day...Rev. W. C. Irvin of Kokomo was the guest of Rev. Craven Monday...Clayborn Lewis is reported some better...Mrs. Geo. Malone and son are visiting in Bedford, Ind...Irvin Banks is now second cook at the Barnett Hotel, John Heath having returned to Lafayette...Under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Craven, Mrs. G. C. King, Mrs. M. Brooks and Miss Janet Jones, the children are preparing for an elaborate Christmas program.

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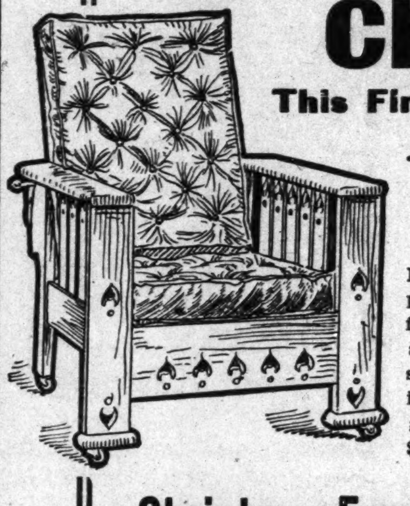

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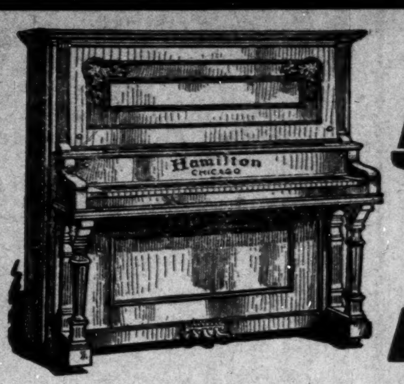

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The Kratons are delighting the Parisians with their "Hoopland" act.

Scott and Crosby in their new act are at the Family Theatre this week.

James E. Rogers is stage carpenter at the Palace Theatre at Jacksonville, Fla.

The Whang Doodle Four appeared at Decatur, Ill., this week. Next week they go to Chicago.

P. S. Jenkins, trombonist, band and orchestra, with Allen's Minstrels, sends regards to R. O. Henderson, Chas. McKenzie and all friends. Henderson, write.

Williams and Stevens with their "Governor of Dixie" company were unable to appear at the International Theatre, Chicago, this week on account of the failure of the managers to keep their contract.

Robert C. White and his bunch of Darktown Swells have joined his old-time partner, K. G. Barton's Amusement Company, and Mr. White and Mr. Barton are the proprietors. Regards to the Tramps Club, New Orleans. McNeils, write.

The Pewees, Chas. and Sadie, report great success with Williams & Baynard's famous company. The Florida Blossoms played Quitman, Ga., the same day the Troubadours were there. There was hearty handshaking among the performers.

Tim Owsley, who for several years has been the star of Mahara's Minstrels, and recently a big feature of the Pekin Theatre, Chicago, has been engaged by Messrs. Voelckel & Nolan to replace Salem T. Whitney, leading comedian of the Black Patti Troubadours, at Dallas, Tex., December 7.

Sylvester Russell has announced that he will become a playwright if time, compensation and success can reward his energy. He is slowly at work on an original comedly in three acts. Whether his first play will be put on next season at Mott's Pekin Theater in Chicago or not will depend mainly upon circumstances which will take place between now and then.

Billy Young, formerly straight man with the first production of the Smart Set with Billy McClain and Ernest Hogan, and who is recognized in minstrelsy as being the best interlocutor before the footlights, has accepted the position as straight man with the Black Patti Troubadours, beginning December 7 at Dallas, Tex. Manager Voelckel believes he has two big "finds" and has already contracted for new printing for these very valuable additions to the Troubadours.

Manager Voeckel of the Black Patti Troubadours sprang a surprise on the company at Shawnee December 1 by unexpectedly calling upon the understudies, Slim Henderson for leading comedian, and Chas. Bougia for the straight part. Both went through the show perfectly and scored individual hits. Geo. Day, a new comer to the Patti show, was also surprised by being called upon to play the part of the English chappie, and his rendition was all that could be desired. Manager Voelckel has never been known to be caught napping in case of indisposition of any of the members of his company and always has his understudies keyed up to concert pitch in anticipation of being called upon at a moment's notice.

## ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

We are still in Mississippi and the business is simply fine. Our show is a screamer nightly. H. S. Smith opens the show and sets a pace for the boys to follow. Then comes Paul Carter, the man with red on his coat, and he hits them hard. The reliable J. B. Norton, John W. Dennis and Speedy Smith, the funny old man and short man with the sweet voice. Last but not least comes little Johnnie Lee, the acrobat, in songs and dances; he leaves the audience spellbound nightly. James Hamilton, the clever baritone singer, joined us in West Point, Miss., December 6 and is a great improvement. C. Adam Larose, the only female impersonator, is with us. J. H. McCameron is alto in our concert band. Pearl Mappins, our hoop controller, just received a large number of new hoops. Master Clifton Boyd, the fourteen-year-old contortionist, is away above the average.

All the boys send regards to all friends in and out of the profession. J. B. Norton sends regards to Black and Jones; write. Prof. J. M. McCameron would like to hear from Stevens and Williams. Write.

## IN DEHOMY.

By Juli Jones, Jr.

The dear old stroll, with zero, ice and snow, but the shops are doing their usual business, contrary to the prophesy of the people who have nothing at stake. It looks as if it will be a good winter, providing nothing happens to the oil-stove works and no general strike among the Standard Oil wagon supply. If any one of the above factors go wrong, it will be an all-around closing up until "the birds sing again."

This seems to be the season for producing. Two new productions were sprung last week. Miller & Lyle, the play writers, offered an act which lasted one hour and fifty-nine minutes, called "Way Out West Over the Bumble Bee's Nest," booked by the stars. Lyrics by anybody. Music by Marshall. Big noise by Geo. Reeves, and looked over by Juli Jones Jr., Miss Billy Ingals and all. It happened at the Royal. And what is more, it held the audience seat-bound for the evening. Everybody was happy except the man who has to furnish the salary. The patrons of this lovely Stroll are a wise lot. No matter what kind of a show the house offers they will sit until the oil gives out.

THE CASINO has changed hands again. This is the ninety-ninth time—one chance more left—step up, dear angel, you are next. The bills offered this week are about the average. Nothing new. The patrons of the Stroll are looking skyward for some new songs. If a song gets popular around here, it is worked until the author prays for it. That song "Baby Doll" was sung in seven houses in Dehomy last week. Everybody had a whack at it.

THE PEKIN had a new bill as usual and a good one at that. The bill opened with a neat balance actor well dressed. Act just fair. This was followed by the Northern Comedy Four. Good singers and clean comedy. Next came a western romance. Two of the people were fine, but the bad work of the halfbreed shattered the good work and efforts of the others. We have been taught that when an Indian pulls out his weapen he generally uses it. Indians have no such dramatically trained eyes as their imitators attempt to portray. Should we ever get into an Indian land and start some of this stage foolishness, the insurance company would have to pay our relatives in full. Then came the expected Leroy Bland and Clayborne Jones. These young men are still popular in Dehomy. The first part of the act did not go so well, as it is not a talking act, but the finish took a curtain encore. These young men can sing and dance. Their finish will get them a curtain bow anywhere. Following this came Miss Lottie Grady with the hardest spot on the bill. This young lady showed some real grit and must have been charged with nerve powder to follow Bland and Jones with a singing turn, as these gentlemen had made a rough house out of the audience from a singing and dancing standpoint. However this young lady fooled everybody and put up the best single singing turn that she has ever done in her stage career. It is a question whether any better has ever been offered in this house. Miss Grady sang three songs and every one welcomed. It is the first time that any single actress has ever done this on the Pekin stage, to the mind of the writer. Miss Grady's articulation and pronunciation has improved wonderfully and it looks as if she has found that long-looked-for path. The bill closed with a big troupe of tumblers from the Ringling Bros. show. These acts are always good, as they work the same, regardless of house, place or crowd.

THE GRAND. The pace setter of Dehomy. There are two passwords along the Stroll. The first is "What's on at the Grand?"; next, "Let's go to the Grand." The Grand compares favorably with a New York Casino production.

The Casino offers once an all-star cast in a passing show. The Grand offers something just opposite—a passing audience. It is a continual stream passing in and out, and it looks like a case of dropping in to see and be seen. The bill for the week is a top-notcher. New faces, with the exception of Miss Lizzie Hart, who stands right in the middle of the stage and modestly defies them all. After looking over her record it is a question if there is any ballad reader who could come any way in her record. This young lady opened the house in July and has worked every night with the exception of two weeks vacation. She has appeared 140 nights, and sang 5 times each night, which gives her the grand total of 700 songs, taking 400 encores. This gives the proxy figure of 1,100 choruses. These figures look big, but they are the summing up from facts, as a real singer loves to sing.

Truly, Yours, Mr. Billy Earthquake, occupies the big sign in front. This sign has two meanings that are big. You must be the hit of the bill and close the show. Billy did it; in fact, he has about fixed things in this house. The management will find a lull in the black monologues to follow, as this is about the end of the single-handed funny men. Repeaters will have to come clean with the new stuff. If they don't, it will be a case of "Whose been here since I've been gone?" Next the Honolulu Girls, which was their first time in Dehomy. They came with a pure singing act; not a sister act, as both can do as good in a single singing turn as anybody that has appeared in these parts. The act is well staged and both of the ladies worked hard and will please any audience, because they go right along with their work, and that's what gets the public.

THE WASHINGTON. The house of many novelties. At this place there is no telling what's coming next. This house is used in a way as a "try-out" house, and if your act don't take, the management cans you out and starts matters all over in the middle of the night. It is a case of "in one door and out the other." The management has signed a Kickers' League, that kickers are the direct cause of all improvements, so that when this house is not packed it is because of a lack of good acts. You can try anything in this house; if it don't work, the manager will work on you.

Alfonso Claybrooks, of Figi Trio, the act that turned things upside down in Dehomy is an Indianapolis boy, a cousin of Ruby Shelton, and has every mark of the great Ruby. This trio is in the direct path to the big road when they do reach it.

## THE SMART SET IN CHICAGO.

By Juli Jones, Jr.

What is there to be said about this grand old production that an ordinary writer could pen that would be of interest to the theatrical profession? This show has been viewed by every writer in America, from Allan Dale and Acton Davis down to Swamptown cubs. This show has also been seen by over three million people and is the only Negro production that holds its own in every way. In the big cities, the Black Patti Troubadours might be older, but has dropped to the sage bush. The Smart Set stands alone with Dudley and his fifty. It is a question with the public, first, whether to accept the new show with Mr. Dudley, and, secondly, whether to accept the Smart Set without Mr. Dudley. This show has made this young man a veteran and has the same old place with the public as Denman Thompson and James O'Neil. The public would not accept Monte Christie without James O'Neil; neither would it accept The Old Homestead without Denman Thompson. This same rule may work with Mr. Dudley and the Smart Set. The American theatre-going publi chas adopted the English habit and that is wheneevr an actor is good and in, they keep him in and demand it of him and nothing more. Mr. Dudley if in any other show, no matter who the writer may be, would look bravely into the face of this problem, and, strange to say, he is not the creator of the Smart Set. This production was created by Ernest Hogan, assisted by Billy McClain, and at that time it never occurred to these gentlemen that this production, which they sent on its road to joy, would become the household word of America; neither that it would be introduced by an instrument such as is found in the personality of "the lone-star comedian," S. H. Dudley; yet this came to pass in living history.

This show was produced about eight or ten years ago and will have to be placed along the side of American standard plays, and has always been the open door of the ambitious performers to display their talents, and has interested such players as the Whitney Bros., Homer and Tutt, who are now stars of the Black Patti Troubadours; Jerry Mills, Tim Bryman, the great music writer; Allie Gilliam, Marion, Smart, J. Ed Green and a host of others. There is no other show that can boast of such reproductions, save one, and that is Sam T. Jack's Creoles, the incubators of the present generation of colored shows.

Rumor has it that Gus Hill will star Mr. Dudley in a new show next year. That sounds like the word tomorrow, the day that never comes. It seems like suicide to drop that dear old name "Smart Set." One of the funniest things about this show is that the play never has anything to do with the title. After carefully looking over the Smart Set, we can not say that it is inferior to any other show, but belongs to the class A productions. It would be silly talk to compare one colored show with another, as every one knows that no two shows are just alike. The Smart set is stage dressed, in every way first class. There are fifty players, singers and dancers that can play, sing and dance.

## SPOTS AND PLACES IN THE SMART SET.

Laying everything aside, when you go to the Smart Set you will have many a good laugh, and real ones at that. Dudley and Mills put up the best talking in the first part of the show that was ever offered. It is beyond anything that McIntyre and Heath ever offered. Their trials and tribulations about their jams is just simply a scream.

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The presence of J. Ed Green, the dean of the Pekin Theatre, who is now playing a one small star part in the Black Politician, is good. The part is small but oh! how he plays it! Jerry Mills, formerly stage manager of the Pekin, is one of the center of the stage parts of the show. Mr. Mills is said to be "the monkey-wrench comedian," the man who can play any part in any show on the road and do it well. It is funny that Mr. Mills doesn't do any dancing in the Black Politician, as he is a class A dancer.

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Miss Nettie Glenn, the dainty soubrette of the Smart Set has had a hard time in getting to the front. If memory teaches the writer right, she began as a wall flower in the original Trip to Coontown. Hard work has won her the spotlight position, and what is more, she is going to keep it. Her effort to entertain has put her in the front rank and she is there to stay.

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Miss Jennie Hillman, a member of the Smart Set, is another lady from the original Trip to Coontown and also one who came into the business as a voiceless chorus girl, but now things have changed. Today she is a stand-out alto of the Dudley fifty. When anybody has a stand-out voice among the chorus of fifty colored voices, that same person would qualify for grand opera. Miss Hillman has the pipes.

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Timm Brymm, the music composer, and his wife Daisy are included among the Dudley fifty. This is the glorious return of the prodigal children.

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Mrs. Birdie Ormes Dudley has been pushed up a peg in the cast and she has the better part. She looks every inch of the part she plays and adds more tone to the Black Politician than any other character in the cast. The looks of a part is half of any show.

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Just suppose that the first act of the Black Politician was presented in vaudeville. What kind of an act would you have to get to follow it? The first act of the show is brimmed over with merriment and has the speed of the Empire State Express.

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Miss Jennie Pearl still holds her position in the center of the stage and makes the picture that is always pleasing. "A smile, another smile." Then the audience smiles. The business needs all the Jennie Pearls that are available.

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Boots Allen is clever in his part as an old man down South and he does his part to the letter with ease.

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Mr. Dudley has done one of the cleverest tricks ever attained by any other comedian on the road by not publishing his "Old Black Crow" song. It is strange that pirates have not stolen this song as they have everything that this comedian has ever offered with the exception of his head and legs.

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It makes no difference what different narrow-minded players say about the Smart Set—it pleases the masses and packs the houses to the door. And that is all there is to show business.

## THE PROFESSION AT NEW ORLEANS

The Hobos' Club is making preparations on a large scale to entertain at its smoker at an early date. Our worthy Hobo, Wm. North, is at the head of the enterprise, assisted by other Hobos, including Bish Bailey, Lew Kenner, J. B. Dewberry, Will Cook, and P. M. W. G. Hobo, H. G. Callioux, Hoky Polk.

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Spriggins & White's Vaudeville Company appeared at the St. Catherine Hall on Monday evening, November 23, with their big one, and showed to the capacity of the hall, standing room being in evidence. There were seevral specialties that were particularly good, among them being the two headliners Kenner and Lewis, who responded to several encores. Miss Alice Oliver, soprano, sang "Eternity" and "You'll Be Sorry Just Too Late." Miss Tillie Johnson sang "Mandy Lane" and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." She scored several encores. Baby Inez, as the little Indian squaw, sang "Napanee" and featured the same. In fact the company as a whole was very good. Prof. Dudley of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels assisted in the orchestra with the violin and made everybody happy with the melody that came from his violin. Miss N. J. Franklin, our musical directress, presided at the piano.

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The Pythian Temple is progressing nicely and from present indications will be in readiness by the 15th of January. Everybody is looking for a gay old time when the Patti show comes to town and other colored companies.

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Say, Tim Owsley, how is that suit you and Jno. E. Lewis bought. You don't write any more.

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Kenner & Lewis send regards to Brooks & Hunter, Matthews & Simpson, Ada Harris, Roy Pope, Jno. C. Boone, Slater & Perrin, and other members of the profession.

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Clarence Bush, the "Beau Brummel," sends regards to Marion Brooks and wishes him success.

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## HOWE'S GREAT LONDON SHOW CLOSES.

Eugene Clark and Miss Hicks have made a successful season with Howe's Great London Show, which closed on the first of December at Cochran, Ga., and Miss Hicks has gone home to Louisville to her mother. Mr. Clark went to Memphis to visit his sister. Mr. Clark had the pleasure of stopping at Mrs. Kersands' house in Chattanooga, Tenn., and he and Dave Smith had a nice time. Fred White was also with them. Grant Smith has returned to his home at Louisville. Mr. Clark sends regards to all friends and wishes to hear from his brother, Joe Clark, and his son, Robert Clark.

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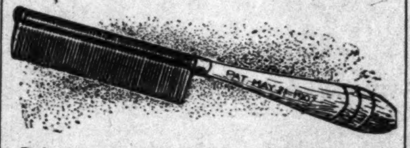


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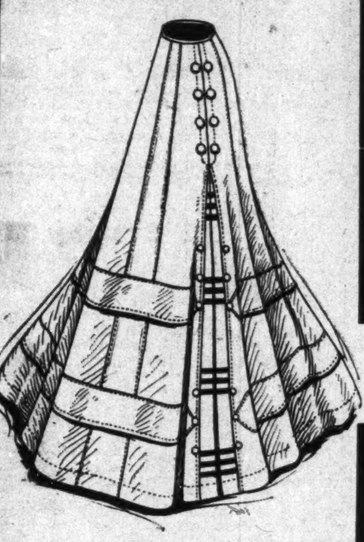

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| Overdrafts | | 441.81 |
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| Marion County and other Bonds | | 246,000.00 |
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| Other Real Estate | | 80,658.26 |
| Cash | $1,496,883.50 | |
| Due from Banks | 2,006,103.61 | 3,502,987.11 |
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| Capital Stock | $1,000,000.00 |
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President Frost, of Berea College, Kentucky, is admirably named. He is said to be a "cold proposition."

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Bishop Walters accepts the verdict with the complacent smile of one who did his level best to have it otherwise.

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Collector Charles W. Anderson is feeling rather comfortable these bright autumnal days. Can you blame him?

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The campaign managed to worry along this year without the expert service of the Honorable George Washington Chivis.

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President Roosevelt is not afraid of the word "equality," when discussing the race problem. Vide his Y. M. C. A. speech on Thanksgiving Oay.

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Many a good man has been all right in th head until the Recorder of Deeds germ got in its deadly work—and then there was no more to him.

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Brooklyn now has a black "Eye," and Sumner H. Lark is doing some tall meditating in his cloister on the rocky road that transgressors are called upon to travel.

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The special Thanksgiving issue of the Advance Citizen, of Springfield, Ill., reflect great credit upon the journalistic taste and managerial skill of Editor H. T. Bowman.

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The Hitchcock "steam-roller" did not run over anybody who had judgment and foresight enough to get out of its way. It came down the pike slowly and "honk-honked" loud enough for all to hear.

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If each Negro leader could be rewarded according to the measure he sets for himself, and there were enough big offices to go around, President Taft would have no trouble in passing out the patronage.

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Inauguration day comes on apace. If you have any friends in the nationa's capital, now is the time to warm up to them and secure a cordial invitation to spend the inaugural season with them.

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J. Max Barber, after a lengthy sojourn in the wilderness, has reappeared in journalistic garb—this time in Philadelphia. No time limit has been set upon the illustrious globe-trotter's stay in this section of the fourth estate's troublous vineyard.

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Our invitation to that complimentary dinner, to be given by the Rev. S. L. Corrothers, of Washington, in honor of Lawyer Albert S. White, of Louisville, must have miscarried in the mails.

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Anyhow, if the Hon. George L. Knox should be sent to the United States Senate, The Freeman would be easily convinced that he would make up a large part of the loss the State of Indiana is about to sustain in the retirement of the Hon. Jesse Overstreet.

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Harry S. Cummings, Baltimore's famous legal light, emerges from the late battle with his reputation as a prophet several hundred points above par. He served notice that Maryland would not fail to do her duty and that the Negroes would not follow the caravan of the ungodly.

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The so-called "lily-white" movement in Georgia will fail. Col. H. A. Rucker, Col. J. H. Deveaux, Col. J. W. Lyons and Col. "Pink" Morton have donned their fighting clothes and the fellows who want to usurp the plums now held by efficient colored men will be put out of business in short order.

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Brother J. H. Murphy, of the Baltimore Afro-American Ledger, who declined to support Mr. Taft in the recent campaign, appears more or less reconciled to the choice of the American people, but evinces a disposition to drop the subject of national politics, however.

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Mississippi, with her fourteen Negro banks and thousands of productive farms and beautiful homes, furnish ample evidence that jim-crow laws and restrictive policies are not strong enough to keep the Negroes down who are determined to rise. "eKep pluggin' away!"

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The "Short Flights" man said over a year ago that "the next President of the United States will be a traiff reformer." The stiff attitude of Mr. Taft in demanding a revision of the tariff that will be genuine reform, indicates that we are "sum punks" as a prophet.

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President Roosevelt's address at the Y. M. C. A. corner-stone laying at Washington on Thanksgiving Day touched the marrow of the race problem, and once more emphasized his belief in the efficacy of the "square deal" and "the door of hope" as solvents for all the problems between man and man.

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"Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock—our hat's off to you! The generous reward is in keeping with his painstaking and highly effective labors, both in nominating and electing Mr. Taft. As the official head of the great postoffice department, Mr. Hitchcock will to it that the colored brother gets a square deal.

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Let us again remind the dear, race-loving Negro race that the Frederick Douglass Memorial Home at Anacostia, D. C., is still in debt to the extent of something over $3,000. A small Xmas offering in the churches of the land would lift this mortgage without difficulty. Why not push such a project?

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Sylvester Russell, playwright, has our best wishes for success in his new field. His return to the dramatic page of The Freeman is warmly welcomed by the immense clientele of readers who have followed his original productions and well-digested criticisms in various standard publications throughout the past decade.

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George B. Cortelyou, William Loeb, Jr., Emmett J. Scott and Daniel S. Lamont are conceded to be the greatest quartet of private secretaries that America has yet produced. Faithfully reflecting the glory of their eminent chieftains, they have gathered enduring luster unto themselves. We may not look upon their like again.

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John A. Lankford had a large hand in carrying Missouri for the Republicans and his friends are now casting about for a suitable reward for the skillful architect, who builds political fortunes as well as big lodge halls. There is a feeling that the office of Supervising Architect of the Treasury would be just about Mr. Lankford's size, both as to salary and professional fitness.

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Some of the over-sensitive friends of the Rev. Jay Albert Johnson, of South Africa, seem to disposed to "gag" at his being termed a "missionary bishop." What was the right reverend gentleman sent to the "Dark Continent" for but to do missionary work among the natives? Why not face the facts and call things by their right names?

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Editor N. D. Brasher, of the Cleveland Journal, does well to call attention to the intimate relationship of the press and pulpit, and to urge the ministers to defend the Negro newspaper with true religious fervor as he goes in and out among their flocks. The church and the newspaper have many interests in common and should work together for the uplift of the race and humanity.

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A national commission to investigate on the condition of the rural schools of the South and to determine some way in which their efficiency may be increased, would be a step in the right direction. Governor P. B. S. Pinchback, Prof. Richard T. Greener, John P. Green, W. H. Steward and M. M. Lewey would be fine material from which to select the colored members of such a commission.

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The fearful folks who at one time objected to industrial education because they thought designing whites were trying to force it upon Negroes alone are now complaining because the whites have found this training of such great value that they are crowding the Negro out of his erstwhile monopoly of the joys of working with the hands. Industrial education is useful to the masses of all races, nad the colored people must not be selfish enough to expect to have it all to themselves.

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The decision of the Supreme Court in the Berea College case simply illustrates that the nation's highest tribunal can always manage somehow to keep in line with the anti-Negro sentiment of the country and yet square itself with the law. That antiquated makeshift, the doctrine of state's rights, is seldom appealed to except to do things to the black folks, without doing damage to the constitution.

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Editor W. H. Steward, of the American Baptist, Louisville, Editor W. D. Johnson, of the Lexington Standard, and Rev. P. H. Kennedy, of Henderson, Ky., are Kentucky giants in the race for the Recordership of Deeds at Washington. Your Uncle John C. Dancy is serenely watching the contest from a choice seat in the grandstand, and expresses the hope that none of the runners will be any the worse off by reason of their violent exercise.

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Without question Tennessee's quantity for national recognition is the polished, intellectual and energetic J. C. Napier, of Nashville. He was one of the original supporters of Mr. Taft and stood up manfully for his choice in the face of tremendous opposition, at a time when his voice and personal strength was sorely needed to turn the tide in the right direction. The suave and courtly Mr. Napier certainly deserves well at the hands of the Taft administration.

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Tuskegee Institute, ever in the vanguard of useful methods, is to have a tuberculosis exhibit, on the order of the one which attracted so much attention at Washington during the recent International Tuberculosis Congress. The exhibit will be under the auspices of the International Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, and will open Monday, December 14, and close on the 19th. All roads in the South's "Black Belt" should lead to Tuskegee that week.

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The "Black Cabinet" will remain intact at Washington. This announcement is made with the hope of saving a number of very worthy colored patriots from wasting time and strength hustling after the comfortable berths now occupied by Messrs. Ralph W. Tyler, W. T. Vernon, Robert H. Terrell, James A. Cobb and John C. Dancy. There is no law preventing the willing ones from applying for jobs held by white men, however. Why not try for them, and let the Negro incumbents alone in their glory?

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Secretary of War Luke E. Wright, whose entrance to the Cabinet was viewed with such intense misgivings by the Boston Alarmist, is not pleasing Editor Trotter. Instead of turning out Negro employes, prosecuting Negro soldiers and jim-crowing the race generally in the War Department, as gloomily predicted by the Bostonian, Secretary Wright is handing out promotions to meritorious colored attaches, enlarging the sphere of the black soldiers' activities by providing for Negro bandmasters for Negro regiments, and following strictly in the broad patch marked out by his genial predecessor in giving the darker races equal opportunities to score in the battle of life. The War Secretary's most glaring offense, it seems, lies in refusing to help Editor Trotter's fame as a prophet of evil.

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Arthur L. Macbeth, one of the race's leading photographic artists, and who gave an excellent account of himself as assistant director of the Negro Exhibit at Jamestown, has a fine studio at Norfolk, Va., and is doing a thriving business as a producer of moving picture entertainments. On election night Mr. Macbeth gave a free exhibition in front of L. W. Bright's Mt. Vernon Hotel at Norfolk, showing on immense canvas to the assembled thousands the election returns exactly as they were flashed over the wires fro mthe various states, interspersing the figures with views of well-known people and places of interest in and about the city. Mr. Macbeth bears a close resemblance to President Roosevelt, and on more than one occasion has been mistaken for the marvelous landlord of the White House.

## MT. VERNON, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss eBttie Know, of Princeton, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mary Webb....Mr. Frank Barbour, of South Bend, is in the city visiting relatives and friends.... Mrs. Alberta Edwards, of Terre Haute, is visiting Mr. Woodfork and family....Mrs. Maria McClure, one of Mt. Vernon's highly respected citizens, died Thursday evening at 9 p. m. after several months of sickness. She was a devoted Christian of the Free Baptist Church. She died in full triumph of faith. She leaves two daughters and six sons and two grandchildren to mourn her death. The family desire to thank those who helped the mduring her illness....Rev. Majors, of the Missionary Baptist Church, baptized six candidates Thnaksgiving Day. They also served dinner at the church....The drama given at the A. M. E. Church Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Adult Choir, was quiet a sucess, socially and financially, although the rain poured quite a nice crowd turned out....Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thompson entertained Rev. White and family, Miss Maggie Johnson, Beatrice White and Floyd Bellmey for dinner Thanksgiving....On December 5 there will be a donkey social given at Brewer Hill school house....Mrs. Alice Pain is quiet sick....Mr. John Offet and wfie entertained at dinner Thanksgiving Mrs. Mollie Edwards and Mrs. Brooks, of Evansville, Richard Offutt and sister, Miss Sadie, of Harrisburg, Master Carel Offutt and little sister, of Morganfield, Ky.... Rev. Hodge and members of the Free Baptist Church attended the communion services at the A. M. E. Church, and Rev. Hodge also delivered the sacramental sermon, which was fine....Miss Minnie Bishop, Mr. Jerry Spotsville and Mr. Jackson attended the teachers' association at Evansville Friday....Miss Hallie Williams, of Carmi, Ill., spent Thanksgiving in the city....Miss McMullen, of Uniontown, visited Mt. Vernon Thanksgiving....Rev. Hodge spent a few days in Danville, Ill, this week....The Relief Corps gave Mrs. Lena Johnson quiet a surprise last Tuesday night. All reported a good time at a late hour. They served all kinds of refreshments in abundance, then they departed to their homes wishing her many joys of life....Rev. R. J. M. Long, P. E. of Evansville district, held his first quarterly meeting at Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday. The love feast in the morning was quiet interesting and impressive. The afternoon service was still high, then at night Rev. Long delivered quite a strong sermon to a well-filled house.

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## CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

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Mrs. Clarence Clark, formerly Miss Lillie Overton who has been sick for two years, died on the 24th and was buried on the 25th. Mrs. Clark was one of Clarksville's highest types of colored ladies and was of one of the best families of this section. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Overton, are among the best citizens of this city and well known far and near. Mrs. Clark's funeral was conducted by Rev. O. J. Goodall, of the Fifth Ward Baptist Church....Charlie Reynoir, of this city, died in Memphis, Tenn., on the 23d, where he had been employed as a brakeman on the I. C. R. R. for several years. Mr. Reynoir leaves a widowed mother, of this son was her only support and her last living child. Mr. Reynoir was a K. of P. and was buried with K. of P. honors fro mtheir residence....Mrs. Lizzie Armstrong, of Memphis, Tenn, is in the city visiting relatives....Sergeant Chas. Stuart, of the United States Army, Co. I 24th Infantry was married to Miss Georgia Small, of this city, at the residence of the bride's parents, between First and Jefferson streets, November 29. Miss Small is one of the belles of Clarksville and Mr. Stuart is one of Clarksville's brav etssoldier boys. Miss Maggie Frazier was bridesmaid, Mr. John Drain, one of Mr. Stuart's soldier comrades, acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Huston Medcalf....Mrs. Jennie Dix died on the 28th. Mrs. Dix has been in ill health for some time. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. H. Medcalf from St. Johns Church on the 29th....Mr. Scott Lee died on the 28th and was buried on the 29th. Mr. Lee was Clarksville's oldest blacksmith....Rev. D. L. Irvin preached for the people of Russellville on the 29th at Zions Church of that place. ....G. D. White spent last week in Nashville on business....Rob Clark and Hugh Lurtor spent their Thansgiving in Hopkinsville, Ky. The gentlemen were the guests of Mrs. Peter Boyd, on Hays street, where they met a good many of their friends....Mr. Sam Dabney is suffering with the rheumatism....The smallpox excitement has caused two-thirds of the school children to be vacinated over again and the doctors have control of the city at present and are satisfied.

## SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Springfield has awakened to a sense of her duty and the colored population is aroused to a pitch never before known. We are glad to see new members joining the business enterprises and more are being inaugurated. The most promising are the Enterprise Loan and Banking business with headquarters at Attorney A. M. Williams' office, and the Illinois Investment and Home Purchasing Co., with headquarters at the same place. An insurance department as an adjunct is now in contemplation...J. E. Thompson, the grocer, is doing a large business and may soon be compelled to get another delivery wagon...Another grocery business on a large scale is to be, or is spoken of, in the Sixth ward...Mr. Hill, Mr. Poston and others are doing a good business... Our lawyers here are all making a livelihood and their future is promising... Brown and Neal are making constant improvements in their restaurant and will soon have quite an inviting place...The colored trade is becoming more and more concentrated...On Thanksgiving day here every church had a sumptious dinner and served to large crowds. At New Hope a classic program was rendered under the direction of Miss Nancy Brown, and was one of the finest in the last few years. The chorus of twelve voices was the opening number and proved a "hit." The renditions by the Misses McKinney were highly creditable for so youthful girls as they are. The bass solo by Mr. Davis was excellent. Mrs. Carrie L. Smith rendered a seletcion from Dunbar on Thanksgiving day. The turkey was very fine. D. O. Yates recited "The Black Regiment" in a masterly and elocutional manner. The piano solo by Mrs. Nettie Grady was, as expected, a classic rendition of the best. The duet by Miss Nancy Brown and Mrs. D. O. Yates was superb. Mrs. Warrick's solo "Dreaming" was a very sweet song and highly creditable. Mrs. Roie Hunter was praiseworthy. A humorous chorus song, by twelve voices, "Bunky Bunk," was very entertaining. The entire program proved satisfactory. ...Last Monday a grand reception was held at St. Paul Church in honor of Mrs. Eva Munroe, State president of the Woman's Federation of Clubs. It was a rare thing...A farewell reception will be rendered Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Manuel by the people of Union Baptist Church Sunday and Monday, December 6 and 7, and the affair promises to be a rare treat...The Elks' memorial services will be held Sunday, December 6, at Masonic Hall at 2:30 p. m. Dr. J. H. Magee will preach the sermon for the occasion and several members will make addresses...The Leland Hotel is yet on a quietus but doing a good business...L. F. Osborne has opened a saloon at Eleventh and Washington streets. Now, we hope the best of order possible will be observed and that the place will close at midnight as the law requires, no vulgarity wil be tolerated and no women enter the place.

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## THE FIELD.

What every Negro should do is to encourage other colored people to come to Springfield and engage in business. To Sangamon county and go into farming and gardening and horticulture. We must do everything possible to become more and more a producing race and not remain a consumer only.—The Forum, Springfield, Illinois.

Now you are preaching, and with all of it, with whatever success that is apt to follow it, there will be plenty left to take care of the various occupations that come without great effort. The field is inviting because not much capital is required other than brawn. The capital of brawn is required—most men have it. The capital of ingenuity and that of experience may be acquired easily enough. Those that diligently seek the way will be rewarded. Money capital is not so ready, but since it is the lesser of the actual acquirements in the beginning, the field ought to be its own recommendation.

The mistaken notion obtains that the field is cited because it stands for labor—real labor. It is so often cited because it is the only one opportunity cpen to a people without means, whether they are Negroes are other peoples. The commercial phase is overlooked in looking at the hoe and the plow, considering those the emblems of the job rather than a carload of fat hogs or sheep. There is as much commercialism in selling a load of hogs as there is in selling a bolt of silk. The Southern Negro is applauded when he sells a bale of cotton. It stands to reason that when the Negro does anything in a good, big way he will be applauded, when the plow and the hoe will be forgotten in the great success.

The race thinks of things by the basketful rather than by the carload. White men think in the big; they may be years working up to what their minds have mapped out, nevertheless their ideal is fixed, and not at basketfuls. The field is the only place where the Negroes have a chance to produce by the carloads—potatoes, cabbage, hogs, beef, etc. Limited capital will not permit the product of sugar by the carload, or dry goods or most of the things not of the fields. Will they see the point and go to work, building a foundation under the racial structure with its most fanciful trimmings at the top? Foundation to coping stone will be consistent, mutually interdependent, when the frills at the top will have a chance to stay frills. In other words, the foundation must be sure. The common people must have money; if not, the millionaires will not be. Rockefeller sells his oil to the common people. The tobacco trust sells its tobacco to the common people. As the common people are employed, so fares the rich. It will not be greatly different with the Negroes who are practically thrown on their own resources for great headway in the world. The professional men are dependent on the common people; as they are employed by the common people, so will this toward money independence; others follow.

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# SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

## ECHOES OF THE SPORTING WORLD.

By Harry W. Jackson.

Slater, the Bostonian hammer, wants a match.

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Shall the baseball be a spittoon? That's the question.

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Al. Phillips, of Michigan, wants to meet some lightweights.

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Christy Mathewson has been secured to coach the Harvard nine next spring.

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Yussiff Mahmout desires to meet Champion Gotch. Mahmout is a Turk of muscle.

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Australian ring folowers are looking for the liviest fight that they have witnessed for years.

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Carlisle Indians game with the Cornhuskers was a nice little practice for the Redskins.

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John I. Taylor has disposed of Pitcher Ralph Glaze and Outfielder Hoey to Indianapolis.

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Fitz will no doubt be in the boxing game while in England. Money, they say, is easy there.

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Wrestler Farmer Burns won from Charles Delivuk, at Wichita, Kan., recently, winning two falls.

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Has Morris Harris, of New York, a sting in those jabs of his? His go with Italian Ross makes it appear that he has.

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A movement is on foot to repeal the Amis anti-racing bill and re-establish harse racing in the State or Arkansas.

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Polo Steele would like to have Kid Ash to come down to the Crescent City for a ten-round fight with some of his boxers.

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Martin Sheridan suffers from a broken collar bone, sustained at the championship contests at Madison Square Garden while pole vaulting.

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No "maybes" or "perhaps" about the coming off of the Gans-McFarland fight. Joe has put up $1,000 to bind the match with McFarland.

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Just think of it, $30,000 for Burns, win or lose. What is the use of worrying? But, oh, if Tommy should lose a black boy will wear his crown.

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If Burns can win a clean and honestly fought battle from Johnson, he will remove much of the taint which now hangs over his title. If Johnson wins, on the other hand, an immense fortune certainly awaits him.

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Glen S. Warner, Carlisle athletic directo, says that the Indians were not ungentlemanly in their football game with Minnesota. He says the sporting writers are responsible for the tale the Indians played a dirty game.

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Australia is hanging up the biggest prize ever offered for a boxing contest. Let's see, isn't that the country which recently passed the hat to relieve a famine or some other sort of calaminity?—The Chicago Daily Tribune.

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Walter Eckersall, the former Chicago University star quarter-back, who made the All-American team, may coach the Wabash football squad next season, according to a report from Crawfordsville. Eckersall is said to be favored for the place to succeed coach Jones.

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The Australian players won the Davis cup, finally defeating Messrs Wright and Alexander, the American contestants at Melbourne. When the contest was resumed today there were two singles to be played, and it was necessary because of previous defeats for the Americans to win both in order to take the cup to America. This they failed to do.

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Polo Steele, of New Orleans, has a string of boxers on his list. Kid Hughes, heavyweight; Kid Green, welterweight; Kid Gardner, lightweight, and J. M. Dorsey, featherweight. All of these scrappers want to meet some good fighters of their respective classes. For any information address Dewberry Social Club, 1317 Gasquet street, New Orleans, La.

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The boxing enthusiasts that failed to attend the bout between Ad Wolgast and Bubbles Robinson recently held at Maud Junction, near Los Angeles, Cal., missed a good night's sport. Bubbles Robinson, the little Los Angeles colored boxer, bit off an awful chew of trouble when he hooked up with Ad Wolgast, the erstwhile challenger for the featherweight championship. The bout went the scheduled ten rounds and Robinson was whipped from start to finish.

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While Packey McFarland and Battling Nelson are disturbing Broadway with a battle of words, arrangements are being made to bring Packey and Dick Hyland together in Denver this month. When the stock yards fighter first wa scoming into prominence he and Hyland talked fight several times, but failed to meet. Now, however, there sems no chance of getting Nelson into the ring again for some time, only Hyland and Thompson are left as opponents for the Chicago lightweight. Packey has shown no particular anxiety to hook up with Thompson, and Hyland has been chosen by the Denver promoters as a better drawing card than the Sycamore boxer.

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Freddy Welsh is to have the preference over Packey McFarland when Battling Nelson decides to enter the ring again, according to a telegram received by the Jeffries Athletic Club from the Durable Dane. "I consider Welsh more eligible than McFarland," says Nelson. "I will certainly talk business with the Englishman later on. My time will be taken up until the latter part of January. I am busy writing a book and building several new houses in Hegewisch. Thanks for your consideration." Welsh felt "bloody tickled," to use his own words, when he heard that Nelson had consented to give him a crack at the world's championship. "That's all I could have expected the Batler to say," said the Britishers. "When we come down to signing articles Nelson is going to be the one to dictate and little Freddy will be waiting with a fountain pen in his fist ready to sign papers. After I get to be champion it will be my turn."

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Another dark shadow is looming up on the pugilistic horizon. Jack Blackburn has announced that he is a candidate for the lightweight championship. This is rough on the Caucasian aspirants to the title. Joe Gans is no more than eliminated than Blackburn, who has long been considered too heavy for the lightweight division, scales down to 133 pounds and was strong at that weight in his bout with Memsic.

Blackburn has been trying for three years to get matches with the crack lightweights. They told him to make the weight. He did it for Memsic, but, according to several experts, he weakened himself. Blackburn's manager says his man is strong at 133 pounds. The only way for him to demonstrate this is to take on a lightweight of real class.

Blackburn is clever enough to stand off Battling Nelson and other topnotchers for six rounds even at almost any weight, but it is extremely doubtful if he could last ten or fifteen rounds with the champion at 133 pounds. Jack might weaken himself making weight and still outbox any opponent for a few rounds, but to win a championship he must go West and try a longer route.

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Jack Sheehan, of Boston, tells an amusing story of how he was knocked out while refereeing a bout ten years ago between two featherweights, Billy O'Donnell, of Memphis, and Martin Flaherty, of Lowell. He relates his experience as follows: Both boxers rushed out of their corners for the last round and forgot or would not (I don't remember which) shake hands. They just buckled into each other like a couple of infuriated bulls, with arms swinging in all directions. I kept going between them, as usual, until about thirty seconds before the final bell, and then something did happen that was not down on the bill. I remember going into the clinch, but have no recollection of coming out. I edged in sideways, and one side of my map offered a good shot, and O'Donnell took advantage of it and thought it belonged to Martin, and pasted over a right-hander with an express bill of lading, and I got it o nthe jaw. Beautiful dreams? I saw Malaga grapes growing in an abundance on the Archipelago. I passed through the most lovely valleys, and was enjoying an auto ride in the clouds, when my scattered senses came back. I rolled over and struggled to get on my feet. I heard what I thought was an angel counting and grabbed the lower rope and pulled myself to one knee, and in the center of the ring I saw 500 Martin Flaherty's and Billy O'Donnells fighting. The angel that was doing the counting was Dan McAvoy, of McAvoy and May, the famous mapor of the oBwery, performer, wit and general josher. He had a sponge back of my ear and brought me to, saying: "Your all right, Jack. We'll give 'em hell in the next round."

## MADDEN GETS DECISION.

Special to The Freeman.

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Frankie Madden of New York got the decision over Tommy Carey of Philadelphia after the bout had gone the scheduled fifteen rounds before the Southern Athletic Club.

Madden had weight on Carey, and it was that which proved him the better man. Carey exhibited more cleverness but was lacking in strength.

## CLEVELAND (O.) TO HAVE A STRONG BASEBALL TEAM.

### Ford Writes to The Freeman.

To the Sporting Editor:

As we have finished in baseball for this year, I must say that my club will be strongly backed by a white stock company which will be incorporated for $25,000. The first meeting was held Sunday at one of the hotels of the city. I hope to secure the best talent that can be gotten for a baseball club. I shall have full control of the club as manager and will play on the team and join the league composed of Philadelphia, Brooklyn Royal Cuban Giants and Cuban Stars.

Wm. A. Ford.

## HOGAN PICKS ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 1908

### Pennsylvania and Harvard Get Four and Three Places, Respectively.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW YORK.—James Hogan, former Yale captain and member of the All-American team, has picked an All-American team for 1908, and, besides picking four of Pennsylvania's star men, names big Bill Hollenbeck as captain of the team. The line up follows:

Left-end—Schildmiller, Dartmouth.
Left-tackle—Draper, Pennsylvania.
Left-guard—Andrus, Yale.
Center—Nourse, Harvard.
Right-guard—Hoar, Harvard.
Right-tackle—Fish, Harvard.
Right-end—Scarlett, Pennsylvania.
Quarter-back—Miller, Pennsylvania.
Left Half-back—Hollenback, Pennsylvania.
Right Half-back—Tibbitt, Princeton.
Full-back—Coy, Yale.

## JOHN B. TAYLOR, FAMOUS NEGRO SPRINTER, DEAD

### Member of American Team to Olympic Games Expires in Philadelphia of Typhoid-Pneumonia.

Special to The Freeman.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Dr. John B. Taylor, the former champion quartermile runner of the University of Pennsylvania, died at his home today from typhoid-pneumonia. Taylor was graduated from the veterinary departemnt of the University of Pennsylvania last spring. He was the first colored man ever picked to carry the American flag on his breast in Olympic championships, he running in the 400-meter race and in the relay event.

Taylor entered Pennsylvania and immediately became the best quarter-miler in the college world and swept all before him. In the summer of 1904 he visited England and France and won the majority of his races. In England he could not get in good form for the Olympic races, as the climate affected him adversely.

## BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WANTS FOOTBALL GAMES.

Special to The Freeman.

MT. VERNON, Ind.—The Booker T. Washington High School football team is eager for games. The team is strong. Last season the boys defeated Evansville High School on two occasions and they wish a game this year. They have challenged the Central High School eleven of Louisville, Ky., and would like to hear from it. The local team has not been defated in the last two years. The lineup is:

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| Boyd | Left end |
| McElroy | Left tackle |
| Moore | Left guard |
| McGill (c) | Center |
| McDowl | Right guard |
| Williams | Right tackle |
| Spottsville | Right end |
| Burke | Quarterback |
| Alvis | Left half |
| Duster | Right half |
| Caldwell | Fullback |

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## MARATHON RUN.

The ten-mile Marathan run to be held in conjunction with the Brooklyn Postoffice games on Saturday, January 16, is going to be an interesting affair. All the old-timers will start. The feature will be the race of Gillespie, who wins a bride if he crosses the tape first.

## SHARE HONORS IN FAST GAME.

Special to The Freeman.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Taladega College of Taladega, Ala., and Mahara Medical College played a tie game on the 21st. The contest was between two of the best football teams of the South and one of the most stubborn games ever played here. Neither team scored.

## BASKET BALL SEASON HERE.

Now that the football season is over all the attention of the colleges is turned to basket ball. This game is not played as much as the gridiron sport, but it holds attention well during its time. Many teams have already entered upon their schedule.

## INDIANS REGRET THEIR ACTION.

Special to The Freeman.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Although the University of Minnesota football team showed the Carlisle eleven a few pointers on the game, it learned a few on slugging. As a result of unclean tactics used by the Indians, Minnesota has severed football relations with the redskins. The Carlisle team played St. Louis University Saturday.

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## A MISCONSTRUCTION.

Several colored men were standing on a street corner in the down town district, as men do, discussing and arguing on the past election when the police patrol went by. Each gazed into the wagon and wondered what the offense of the occupant had been when one of them said:

"Wonder what that man's 'rested fur?"

Just then a white man who was standing nearby spoke up in answer:

"I believe he is a pugilist."

The colored man hesitated for a moment and then said:

"Well, that's all right; colored people are just as good as white people."

The colored man didn't know what pugilist meant.

## WILL A BLACK MAN BE THE NEXT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION?

### Jack Johnson Has the Chance.

Will the next heavyweight champion pugilist of the world be a Negro, is the question which is just now agitating the sporting fraternity. A black man never before had such an opportunity to gather in the much cherished title as Jack Johnson will have when he fights Tommy Burns in Australia. It will be the first time in the history of the American ring that a colored boxer will have a chance at the heavyweight title of the world. Peter Jackson was always a claimant for the right to fight Sullivan, who was admittedly the title-holder of the day. But Sullivan always refused to meet a colored boxer.

Jeffries, it is true, met Peter Jackson and Bob Armstrong. But it was before he became champion. So Johnson, in his way, will have the distinction of being the first black boxer ever to have a try at the American, which means the world's title. It is true that more than a century ago Molineaux was sent over from a Virginia plantation to try for British honors. But those were in the bare-knuckle days and before there was such a thing as an American ring or title.

Johnson has the chance of his lifetime here. On account of some of Burns' performances I have heard doubt cast on the genuineness of this match. But when we consider the fortune at stake, I believe that it must be held on the level.

Burns will have to be conceded the championship at present, in view of the fact that there are no competitors. It is true that he never met Jeffries, who has stuck to his determination to retire. It is also a fact that the bout on which he gained his present title was one which it had been previously agreed to "fake," with Jack O'Brien as the winner.

Facts surrounding his present position have made Burns unpopular. His championship crown is regarded by many as decidedly tarnished. When it leaked out that he paid the way of Bill Squires from London to Australia, to secure a match before an Australian crowd, doubts were cast upon the honesty of the go, although no proof was offered that it was fixed. Certain it is that there was no lack of force behind the blows which sent Squires out. Spectators of the bout have told me that Squires hit the floor on each occasion with a thump that shook the ring and in a fashion to make the crowd seriously wonder if he was not badly hurt.

Johnson is still young and aggressive. He has a long career before him in the ring. If he is the first of his color to hold international honors he can make a tremendous hit abroad. Burns, according to the latest report, is resting from his exertions in beating Squires and other Australian heavyweights, in the mountains of New South Wales. In a letter to a San Francisco friend, Burns states that the battle with Johnson for the world's championship is to be his farewell fight. Burns writes:

"I am enjoying a rest in the mountains and will stay here for a month, as I have been working steadily during the last year. I have had my hands full with theatrical work and boxing, and now, since the match with Johnson is on, I think it best to put in some time where the air is good an dpure.

"I will surely be in shape for the big Negro—better than I ever was, ar it is the ambition of my life to beat him.

"It seems to m ethat some of the sporting writers who have criticised me for my stand with Johnson have not been fair. I have never drawn the color line. There was never a champion before me who gave a Negro a chance to win the title, and I simply named a good stiff price for my end of the match. I am getting it, too, for I am to receive $30,000, win, lose or draw.

"Those who said that I was a careful matchmaker want to remember that I am about the only world's champion who went clear around the world, meeting and beating my challengers in the countries they belong in.

"When I boxed Squires here the house drew $67,000, so you see this country is going some. There were 17,000 persons present and a fine crowd to box in front of. About 9,000 people saw me defeat Lang ten days later.

"I see that Nelson beat Gans again. No one was more pleased over Nelson's victory than I was, and now it is up to me to trim Johnson the same way."

## JEFF MAY FIGHT BURNS.

Willus Britt, the manager of Bat Nelson, has said that should Burns beat Jack Johnson in Australia, Jim Coffroth will pull off a Burns-Jeffries fight on the first of the year. Britt says the only man that can pull off a fight with Jim Jeffries as one of the principals is Jim Coffroth. Jeff has told Coffroth several times that he would fight—and fight to the satisfaction, if the sportsmen desire him to reenter the ring. Will Jeff step into the gaem again? Well, we will see IF Burns beats Johnson in the coming fight.

## WOULD MEET LIGHTWEIGHTS.

Al Phillips of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., wants to meet some of the colored lightweight scrappers. Phillips possesses class and knows the game. Address, 705 Eureka street.

## LOYACANO EXPECTS BIG MEET.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Jack Loyacano, who will manage the Louisiana Driving and Racing Club's meeting at the local half-mile track, says scores of horses will be headed to New Orleans for his meeting in a short time.

He says quite a number will be shipped from Latonia and others will come from Shreveport and Texas points. Loyacano says 300 horse owners have written him that they will bring their strings to this city.

More stalls will be built, it is said, as there is not now room for more than 250 horses. There are about 150 racers now here.

## THEY DON'T PAY.

The fight game in Pittsburg and Baltimore is not a very successful business, judging fro mthe fights that have been held in those towns lately. I nthe fight between Nelson and Burns at Baltimore the hous eamounted to a little over $500, and at the Nelson-Gannon bout in Pittsburg there was only $600 in the house.

## WILL KNOW RESULT DEC. 25; BATTLE ON THE 26TH.

### Burns Favorite in Indianapolis.

When Tommy Burns meets Jack Johnson in the battle that will determine the heavyweight championship of the world at Sydney, Australia, December 26, the result will be known in Indianapolis the night before. Most of the local fans who follow the game think they know the result now.

But on the night of December 25 Indianapolis pugilistic dopesters will not only be able to name the winner but also the number of rounds and all the details of the fight. Maybe that looks like a frame-up. Nothing doing in that line. It's just the difference in time.

Burns and Johnson are scheduled to enter the ring at 11 a. m. on December 26; it will be 7:20 p. m. on December 25 in Indianapolis. There is a difference of fifteen hou rsand forty minutes in time between Sydney and Indianapolis, Sydney being that much to the eastward of Indianapolis.

That's how Indianapolis people will know all about the big battle the day before it takes place. Burns seems to be the favorite, though Johnson is believed to give him a tough time of it.

## TO USE SKIN-TIGHT GLOVES.

Burns has requested that skin-tight gloves be used in his fight with Jack Johnson at Sydney. Probably Tommy thinks that he can make Johnson feel his punches in store for him the better. But Tommy must remember that he can witness the sting in Jack's wallops the better too.

## INDIANA MAY PERMIT BOXING.

The boxing lid is quivering uneasily all over the country, and every indication points to an explosion of the down-pressed steam. Indiana is likely to be the first point of uplifting. Ohio, with a Democratic Governor, is figured on as a sure Mecca, and Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Missouri are to follow. It is hoped to have boxing in Chicago by New Year's, and in St. Louis about the same time. Milwaukee also hopes for a quick resumption. It looks, however, as if the six-round no-decision game, or else minor bouts among local men, will have to be the rule in almost every city.

Ther is hope, but it would be best to show a little sense and go slowly. The Philadelphia way would be the safer style. Six-round bouts without a decision are hard to stop, even under stringent laws.

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## NELSON WAS A "TERROR" WHEN HE WAS A CHILD.

### Had Instincts of a Scrapper When a Baby—Was Bootblack.

Battling Nelson has attained a position of such prominence in the affairs of the day that it is little wonder his origin has become the subject of considerable discussion. Every sporting Skandinavian in the country almost claims to have taken some part in the development of their pugilistic countryman, but the facts which have come to light through recent inquiries show that he was brought to this country from Denmark by an Oshkosh man and that he resided there for a time. Peter Hanson, 24 State street, Chicago, is the man who claims the distinction of having brought the foreign-born champion to America.

It was about the year 1885 when Mr. Hanson and a party of five or siv of his countrymen made a visit to Denmark. They stoppe dat Copenhagen and stayed at a boarding house kept by Christian Nelson, the father of the now noted prizefighter. The elder Nelson was not satisfied with conditions in Copenhagen and arranged with Mr. Hanson to come to America with him.

When they returned to Oshkosh the Nelson family accompanied them. The immigrants took board with Mr. Hanson for several months and the elder Nelson sought what work he could find. At that time Battling Nelson was a child of about three years, who already showed some signs of the pugnacious nature that is in him.

Mr. Hanson is of the opinion that the boy was called by another name at that time, but he does not remember it now. "Battling" is said to be a nickname given to the champion when he was a small lad, and long before he entered the prize ring. As a child he was what is usually called a "terror." Mr. Hanson says he was full of life, high strung, and ready for "scrap" even as a baby.

With the family came Mrs. Nelson's sister, who later married a brother of Hans Peterson, a resident of Oshkosh, and a retired farmer. Mr. Nelson decided to move to a larger city, and with his family and his wife's sister and her husband moved to Chicago. It was there that the youngster became a newsboy and bootblack and acquired the name which still clings to him.

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## JIM DRISCOLL.

The record of Jim Driscoll, the undisputed featherweight champion of England, indicates that he is not only a hard puncher but a very clever boxer. Some question has been raised as to the validity of Driscoll's title, but it is without a flaw. He won the championship from Joe Bowker in a fifteen round bout at the National Sporting Club, London, on May 28, 1906, getting the decision on points, after a contest in which the victor was in the lead all the way.

Bowker evidently has some doubt about the question of superiority, so he asked for a return match. Driscoll readily consented and the pair came together again at the National Sporting Club on June 3, 1907. On this occasion Driscoll clinched his title by knocking Bowker out cleanly in seventeen rounds.

Driscoll's other good performances are a seven-round knockout of Jack Roberts, a particularly rugged and combative person, and a two-round decision over Johnny Summers, who was disqualified on a foul. Driscoll is a rangy fellow, with apparently a great deal of stamina and well muscled. He is 27 years old and has been boxing since 1899. His object in coming to America was to get on a bout with Attell for the featherweight championship of the world, and after the Englishman has had a few bouts in the East he will unquestionably go to the coast in pursuit of the elusive Abraham.

## MEHARRY, 5; FISK, 14.

### Annual Game—Medics Face Defeat—Fisk Outweighed.

Special to The Freeman.

Bennett Field was the scene of the annual clash between the Sons of Milo and the Medics. Long before the time for the game the bleachers were crowded with the well-wishers from the fair sex, who displayed the crimson and black or the gold and blue. The windows of the nearby halls were filled with spectators while a very large number preferred to remain in their decorated turn-outs and autos. It was indeed a very large gathering which had assembled to witness this the greatest game of the season.

As the two teams came upon the field it was plainly visible that Meharry with her 185 pounds had the weight in her favor, while it was up to Fisk with her 149 pounds to prove that she had the agility. Meharry enteerd the field amid the cheering of their rooters and the harmony of their amateur band, while the Fisk team followed during the pandimonium created by their noisemakers.

The game was called at 2:45 by Referee Cobson. Meharry kicked off to Fisk. The ball went out of bounds and was kicked again. Jackson received the kickoff for Fisk and advanced the ball thirty yards. Several successful line plunges were tried, followed by a kick which was muffed by Johnson (Meharry) and recovered by Smith (Fisk) and carried directly under the goal. Time, seven minutes. Goal failed. Score, Fisk 5, Meharry 0. During the balance of the first half the two teams fought in Meharry's territory, ending on the Fisk fifty-yard line with the ball in Fisk's possession. Score at end of first half, 5 to 0 in favor of Fisk.

In the second half Fisk kicked off to Meharry and Meharry returned the ball 25 yards and is held for downs. They punt down the field, recover the ball and run 30 yards for a touchdown. Hurt fails at goal. Score, 5 to 5. Fisk kicks to Meharry again. Meharry is held for downs. Meharry punts to Fisk 45-yard line. Fisk works a series of forward passes and lands the ball on Meharry's 20-yard line. Upshaw tries place kick from 30-yard line and fails. Meharry kicks out from 25-yard line. Fisk uses another series of forward passes, places the balf on Meharry's 20-yard line and makes a place kick from the 30-yard line. Score, Fisk 9, Meharry 5.

The next few minutes were used in exchanging punts. Finally Upshaw tries onside kick from his 25-yard line, Jackson recovers the ball and makes a spectacular dash of 70 yards for a touchdown. Goal failed. Score, 14 to 5. With six minutes to play, Meharry kicks to Fisk. McMillan returns with the ball to his 45-yard line and Fisk is held for downs and punts to Meharry's 40-yard line. It is here that Meharry makes her only successful forward pass, but is held for downs and punts to Fisk's 15-yard line. By line plunges and end runs Fisk brings the ball back to her own 50-yard line and the game ends with a score of 14 to 5 in favor of Fisk.

Johnson, the star end for Meharry, failed to show up with his open field runs, and the whole team lacked real team work. McMillan, the star tackle for Fisk, broke through the Meharry line at will and downed his man for a loss of 5 yards or more. Not once during the game did they gain an inch over him. Upshaw's punting was great. Payne, the novice, who replaced Washington, played star ball. Stith, captain and quarterback, ran his team with such speed and accuracy that his oppenents were continually confused. Clark's line bucking was fierce, making consistent gains when called for. Warren played good at center, while McKissack, Thompson and Dawson filled their jobs to perfection.

The lineup:

| Meharry. | | Fisk. |
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| Johnson, Sebley | Right end | Jackson |
| Sanders | Right tackle | McMillan |
| Dixon | Right guard | Thompson |
| McDew, Butler | Center | Warren |
| Davis, Butler | Left guard | McKissack |
| Scott, McDew (c) | Left tackle | Smith |
| Hurt | Left end | Wash'n, Payne |
| Canady | Left half | Dawson |
| Thompson, Scott | F. B. | Clark |
| West | Right half | Upshaw |
| Scott | Quarterback | Stith (c) |

Referee, Cobson; lineman, F. J. Work; field judge, Jackson; umpire, King; timekeepers, Gren and Phillips.

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The Woman's Club will meet Monday at the residence of Mrs. Sallie Martin.

The Gold Star Club met Thursday night at the residence of Mrs. Mary Cook.

Everybody is cordially invited to spend New Year's night at the Mardi Gras, Tomlinson Hall.

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John Henry Maxey, of 1009 Mulberry street, died Saturday morning, December 5, of throat trouble. Mr. Maxey was 67 years of age. He leaves a widow.

Bailey Taylor, well-known mixoligist at the Abbysinnia bar, was married to Miss Leona Williams last Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Taylor tendered a banquet in honor of the nupitals.

James N. Shelton, of the firm of Shelton and Willis, undertakers, underwent an operation at Dr. Ward's Sanitarium this week. Mr. Shelton was injured last week while lifting the body of Robert Henderson.

Mrs. J. H. Lowry, of Massillon, O., has returned home after an enjoyable visit of two weeks with her neice, Mrs. H. H. Lytle, of West Tenth street. While here Mrs. Lytle tendered Mrs. Lowry a reception. Mrs. Jackson, of New York, who is visiting Mrs. Wm. Galloway was among the guests.

The entertainment given by the Young Men's Male Chorus Wednesday evening at Olivet Baptist church was well attended. The program consisted of readings, solos and plantation songs. The Chorus will sing Sunday morning at Jones Tabernacle church A. M. E. Zion church.

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### COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE.

Angelina Brooks, vs. Geo. W. Brooks. } State of Indiana, Marion County, ss: in the Superior Court of Marion County, In the State of Indiana, No. 77,491. Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 8th day of Dec., 1908, the above named plaintiff by her attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion Court, in the State of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant, George W. Brooks and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, George W. Brooks, is not a resident of the state of Indiana, and said cause is for divorce, and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 5th day of February, 1909.

NOW THEREFORE, by order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him, and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 5th day of February, 1909, the same being the 5th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in February, 1909, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence. LEONARD M. QUILL, Clerk.

J. H. LOTT, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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